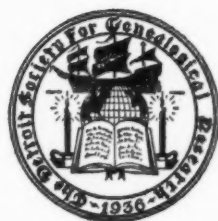
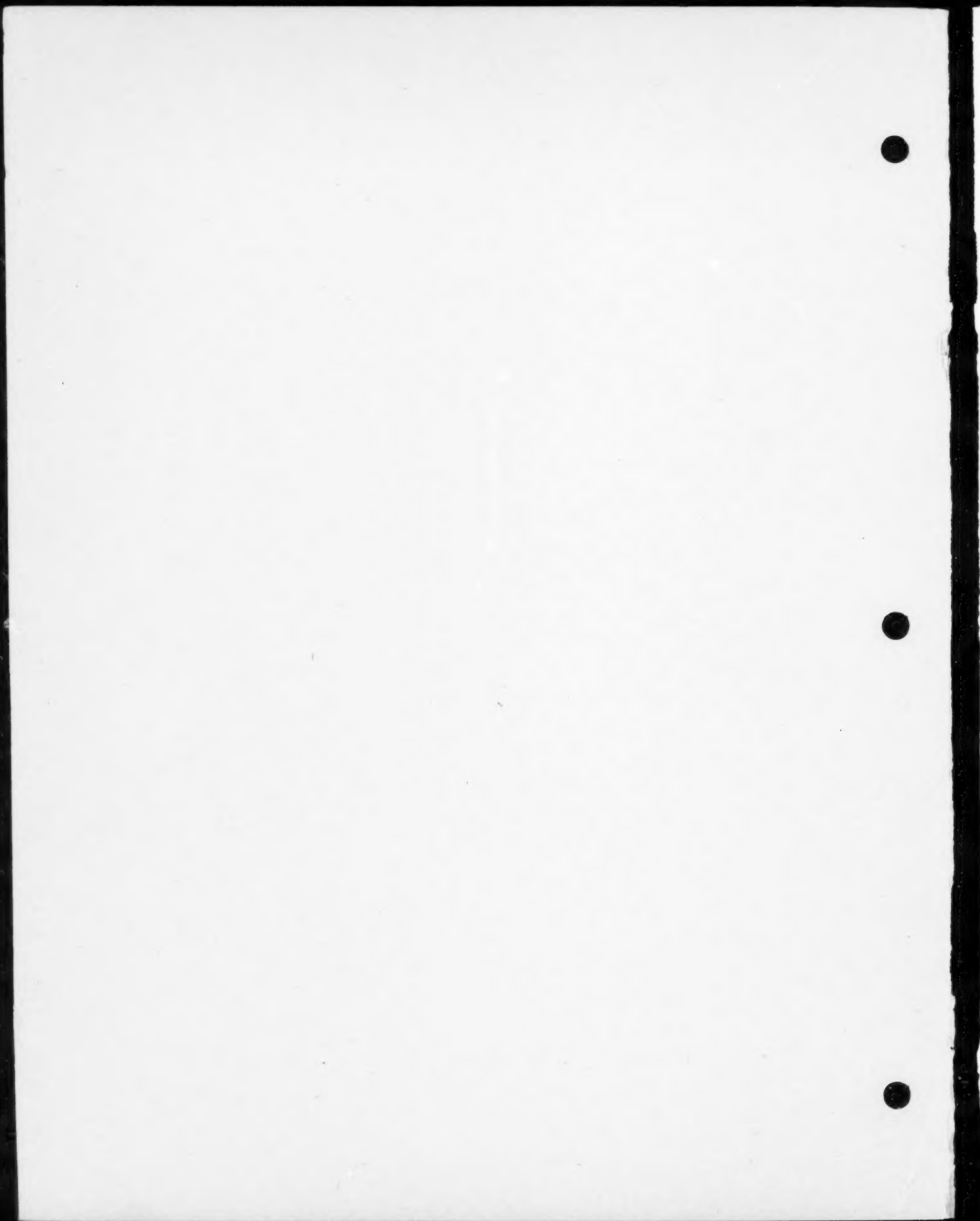


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PAWLING ACRES
A Colonial Homestead in Dutchess County, New York*
Contributed by Marquis E. Shattuck

My Dear Mrs. Thiel:

It seems impossible that three months have raced by since I received your first letter. But, so it is. I expected to send you some Cookingham data long ago. I haven't been able to do it, however. Overhauling my papers took time, lots of it. Then I got in correspondence with two or three parties hoping for more than I have of your line in the family and that consumed still more time.

Before I proceed I shall warn you that this is likely to be almost a book as I shall go over your letters and comment on or reply to all remarks and questions. I can imagine how interested you are in knowing about the Family whose name you bore prior to your marriage and I see by your letters you wish to know something about the stamping ground of that family. I shall endeavor to entertain you a little with sketches of this and that in the land of your forefathers.

About Staatsburgh and Pleasant Plains--to give you a better idea of the lay of the land hereabouts I shall start with Poughkeepsie (pronounced Po-kip-se, as perhaps you know; accent second syllable). It is the largest city in Dutchess County with a population of about thirty-six thousand. It is on the Hudson, as you know. Vassar College is there. Poughkeepsie is a place where Cookinghams, past and present, have gone and still go to shop and transact other business. It is the county seat. Oakleigh T. Cookingham was a very recent Sheriff. Very nice man, I believe.

Six or eight miles north on the Post Road (formerly The King's Highway) is the village of Hyde Park also well known by your ancestors as they had to pass through it to reach Poughkeepsie. Hyde Park is the home of President Roosevelt.

Four miles north of Hyde Park is Staatsburgh, a smaller village than Hyde Park. Ogden Mills has a large estate there which he inherited from his family tho' he spends very little time there I believe.

The land which comprises Staatsburgh was originally owned by my ancestor Captain Henry Pawling who built the Dutch house in the enclosed picture. Captain Pawling had a large tract of land across the river, where he lived, but also owned 10,000 acres on this side of the river. It was called "Pawling Purchase." Staatsburgh is one division of the "Purchase" and after the death of their father in 1692 was sold by some of the children to Dr. Staats and a Mr. Van den Burgh and from these men the village gets its name. There were three very large tracts of land in this section at that time, namely: "Livingston Manor" owned by Ogden Mills's mother's people, the Livingstons; this lay north of Rhinebeck. There was the "Beekman Patent," owned by the Beekmans, to the East of Rhinebeck; "Pawling Purchase" was South of Rhinebeck. All these families inter-married especially the Livingstons and the Beekmans.

I have gone into this because it is all tied up with your Cookingham ancestors since it was their stamping-ground, also. All were familiar with the localities named and indeed, lived on these tracts of land, more or less. Any Cookingham who ever lived in the western part of Dutchess County was bound to have lived on one or other of these tracts of land.

Rhinebeck is still farther north than Staatsburgh, along the Post Road about six or seven miles. It is a very pretty little town or village. If ever you came East and I am not here, by all means go to Rhinebeck as a central point from which to do research for the

* A letter from one amateur genealogist to another. Mrs. Thiel, who lived some years ago in the far west, had written to her pen-cousin, whom she had never seen, inquiring about the land of her ancestors. Mrs. Kitt replies with this description of the countryside and the people who built its traditions.

Cookinghams of whom, in the present day, there are more living in that town, according to the telephone book, than anywhere else. There is a fine hotel in the town--the oldest hotel in America in continuous use, it is the "Beekman Arms."

About eight to ten miles still farther north is Red Hook, another nice small town or village, associated with the Cookinghams, I feel sure. All these places I have named are strewn along the Post Road (Poughkeepsie, Hyde Park, Staatsburgh, Rhinebeck and Red Hook). The Post Road goes from New York to Albany with Poughkeepsie on this side of the river and Kingston on the west side as being about half way between. It is, as you know, very historic country and much of it made famous by Washington Irving who lived farther down the river. The Catskill Mountains are across the river a little to the north and there old Rip Van Winkle slept his twenty years away, according to legend. Of late years there has been built a "Rip Van Winkle Trail." All very quaint and interesting, lending charm and atmosphere.

North of Rhinebeck, along the river road is Barrytown. Between that place and Poughkeepsie, to the south, is a condition of life very different from that of any other place in America. I have always called it English Feudalism but Mrs. Roosevelt has hit the nail on the head better than I when she termed it "Dutch Feudalism." The line isn't too tightly drawn but when one sifts it down there are practically but two classes of society in this locality. It is very strange. I had not realized it until I came here to live.

But, to return to my geography lesson - Pleasant Plains (about which you inquire) is to the east of Staatsburgh with myself in between. I am not in the village of Staatsburgh but located in the Town(ship) of Hyde Park. Pleasant Plains isn't any place at all as far as being built up is concerned, and it is not on a river, nor a railroad nor even on an important highway. The real Pleasant Plains has one church and a few scattered houses. That is all. Not one store. Oh, yes, one tiny school house. Between there and here is a small settlement where is located an old mill, now in dis-use, built long, long ago by John DeWitt, second cousin of my great grandfather Levi Pawling.

John DeWitt built a mill, a store, a fine house and a school at this place of four corners. All are still there except the school. This place is what in these days they call "Pleasant Plains" but in my younger days it was called "Frost's Mills," it being then owned by Jacob Frost. In Grandmother's day it was LeRoy's Mills as he succeeded John DeWitt as owner. It was however, originally DeWitt's Mills. The house is very interesting. Wonderful Dutch doors and in the kitchen, a large one with great fireplace, is something which I have never before seen and I have been in a great many very old houses (many of them museums, now). It is a place for the built-in bed such as the Dutch had in the early days and perhaps still have in "The Old Country." I only saw this last spring when I took two distant Pawling cousins (who descend from John DeWitt and Catherine VanVliet, his wife) around Dutchess and Ulster Counties (across the river) so they might see some of their ancestral homes.

In this John DeWitt house and in the home of his great grandfather Tjerck Claessen DeWitt, near Kingston, I saw these places for built-in and be-curtained beds. I am not a DeWitt descendant in so far as I know, but I am always interested in them because they are so tied up with my ancestors' families. Again and again the families intermarried. I am therefore deeply interested in these two old houses. After all, these DeWitts were my blood kin for John was a cousin removed several times and although Tjerck Claessen DeWitt was not related, nevertheless his son married an aunt of mine (four times great) and a granddaughter of his married an uncle of mine, equally removed with the aunt. My aunt lived in the house across the river which I spoke of above, for her husband inherited the property. And you are tied up with this old mill of John DeWitts because Jacob Frost, a very fine man, married a Cookingham--one of my father's old girls, as he used to put it. Also, and this may be of interest to you, it is a Mr. Herbert Lynk (or Linck) who now owns the DeWitt house and who took us all through it last spring. He lives in Schenectady and I am trying to get his house address. I have reason to think he might know something about the Lynck family.

Wurtemburg--this is located on a road three or four miles east of here, which road leads from the Mill (DeWitts, LeRoya, Frosts) north to Rhinebeck. All there is at Wurtemburg is St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, a cemetery adjoining and farm lands scattered round

about. It is nice country out there, I think. It is closely identified with my forebears, many of them. Three of your John Joerg Cookingham's children were baptized at this church, the older ones having been baptized at the German Reformed Church at Pink's Corner which no longer exists. Wurtenburg is in the Town(ship) of Rhinebeck.

It is very rocky country, here in Dutchess County as elsewhere in New York State. If your Simon was a farmer, as no doubt he was, most men being such in those days, perhaps it was the rocks that eased him out of this section of the country. Perhaps he grew weary plowing rocks and picking up stones. Many of my father's relatives left here for less rocky land to farm. Many of them went to Michigan.

However, these rocks are most picturesque and New York wouldn't be New York to me without them. The earth must have been in a restless state, indeed, at some time long past for enormous quantities of rock have been thrown out. Much of the stone has been, and still is being used to build stone walls the like of which you almost never see anywhere else in all the United States. I never have but once. These stone walls are simply laid up without mortar of any kind. They are good to look at and very characteristic of this locality, which means your Cookingham ancestors were very familiar with them, indeed.

My place consists of thirteen and a half acres of land including the wood lot so necessary in ye olde days, and through this wood lot there runs a stream of water which bears the fascinating name of Indi-Kill--or, Inda-Kill; I am not sure about the spelling as I have never seen it in print.

Originally there was much more land but it was never a farm. I have named the place "Pawling Acres" for want of a better name. I wanted something to go with Pawling and didn't care for "Homestead" so decided on "Acres" in its meaning of ancestral lands. It isn't nearly pretentious enough for "Pawling Hall" or "Pawling Manor" and, anyway, my great, great grandfather's place is "Pawling Manor."

Just to the rear of the property, in a very rocky strip of woods there is a "Tory Hole" which has greatly intrigued the imagination of the children as well as the grown-up members of the family for several generations and perhaps none more so than my own generation because it was all a part of our "Fairylend" here. Then there are the "Santa Claus Holes" and the "Whip-poor-Will Holes" a short distance up the woody road.

The "Tory Hole" is a cave which I feel sure was an Indian rock ledge shelter. Tories hid in it during the Revolution. At one time as many as sixteen persons could stand in it, as my aunt told me, but it is gradually filling up with leaves, soil and general debris.

The "Santa Claus Holes" and the "Whip-poor-Will Holes" are odd oval shaped holes in the sides of high ledge rocks. I am not a geologist and so cannot scientifically explain them. But my theory is that some time long, long ago, what are now the sides of these rocks was then the top. In that position pebbles combined with wind and rain could have made these holes, I believe. I cannot see how, otherwise, it could have been done. Santa Claus and the Whip-poor-Will are supposed to be domiciled in these holes!

All this had a great fascination for our young minds and I am sure you will understand how all this caught the imagination of city-bred children. This combined with the old house, old-fashioned furniture (now "antiques"), our really wonderful grandmother and even a great grandmother, enshrined the place in our hearts.

The house is a simple country cottage, low and rambling, and, like "Topsy" just grewed. It is quite quaint looking as one sees it from the road--the front view. Unfortunately it is very difficult to get a good picture of this view (the best for quaintness) because of its location and the shrubbery. Some day, however, I shall inherit from a cousin of my father a very cute little water color of this view done many years ago by a Vassar College artist. Of course, I am perfectly delighted.

The house sets back from the road on a hill in a rather isolated spot. This road

(called Reservoir Road) was originally a part of the King's Highway, later the Post Road. Many distinguished people must have passed this way, among them George Washington and your own Israel Putnam. Both have been guests of my ancestors, the former of my great, great grandfather, Major John Pawling at his home "Pawling Manor" and the latter of John and Margaret (Streit) Uhl my great, great, great grandparents who lived on a part of the Post Road now included in the Village of Staatsburgh.

This place became my great grandfather Levi Pawling's about 1800. He came here with his first wife, Gertrude Knickerbocker, who died early in their married life leaving five children the first of whom was born here in the year 1800. Four years after his first wife's death he married Hannah Griffing and I descend from her. She came here a bride, aged 26, about one hundred and twenty years ago and lived here until she died aged ninety-four. I remember her well, being in my seventeenth year when she died. After the deaths of my great grandparents the place passed to their daughter, Gertrude, my grandmother, who married David Wallace and this is where my Cookingham blood comes in for his maternal grandmother was Anna Maria Cocking-ham. No one of the name of Cookingham, however, ever lived here. From my grandparents the place went to their single daughter Lavinia Wallace, later to a cousin of mine, Mrs. Sproul, who never lived here, however. Then it passed out of the family for about six years. In nineteen-thirty I brought it back into the family coming here to live the following year.

And now my Western Guggenheim cousin, please come inside with me and see what we can find of interest, for many of your relatives have been here and broken bread and were familiar with the place. Probably they left something of themselves within its walls. Who knows?

Within the walls of this old place there are four levels, very quaint, most people seem to think. They cannot be called "floors" in the real sense of that word because we only go up a few steps to reach two of them. It is this way--on the ground floor, east to west, with southern exposure, are five rooms, all strung out one after another with a quaint looking "pantry" (we always have called it) in between two of them. From the ground floor living-room you go up four steps and turn to the left. You are then on another level where there are three rooms. This is still the ground floor because it is all built on a hill. If, instead of turning left, you go on up two more steps (one being triangular in shape) toward the right you will then be on another level, just one very open room that everyone seems especially to like. That room is directly over the living-room, formerly the kitchen and so was called the "kitchen garret."

These two rooms (living-room and kitchen garret) are more than one hundred and thirty-six years old, part of the original house. Above the three room level is the "Upper Garret" and the "Dark Garret." A regular flight of stairs takes us to those. The stairway, or steps, which I have mentioned are just about the quaintest you ever saw. I doubt if there is another just like it in the country. The door which leads to these steps is very old. It has the old-fashioned latch with latch-string to be pulled from the inside when coming down. It also has the HL (Holy-Lord) hinges. One day a German man, deliveryman or workman, I forget which, who saw my living-room was very interested and told me it was just like many in Germany.

When my great grandfather took the place there were then the two rooms I mention as being very old and the rest of the dwelling was log cabin, if you please. He was not a monied man, although his father, Major John Pawling, was a wealthy man and had a large estate (I have an oil painting of his Dutch house painted by a descendant) most of which is still intact. He had put the property in his wife's name when he left for the French and Indian War, but before he had it re-transferred to himself his wife died so the property being in her name it went eventually to the children of this, the first wife. My great grandfather, the son, was a child by the second wife so he and his numerous sisters and brothers got nothing, such being the law. But it was their father's property and had been originally a part of the "Pawling Purchase."

But, "to my muttons" - I figure that originally there was just the log cabin. Later on someone added to that the two rooms, one over the other, which were called the "kitchen" and "kitchen garret" and which were built on the south side of the cabin. Thus it was when great grandfather, Levi Pawling, and his first wife came here. When his daughter Gertrude, second wife's child, born 1822, (who was my grandmother), was an infant her father had the log-cabin

torn down and the two rooms, or second level, were added displacing the log-cabin. These rooms are "parlor" and "north bedroom" and over them the "upper garret." Gertrude and her husband (grandfather) added the "west room" about 1860 with the "dark garret" over that.

Before my day a detached kitchen was erected and the original kitchen became a combination dining-room and living-room. Later this kitchen was torn down, a dining room added, beyond that a kitchen, beyond that a room called a "sun parlor" and beyond that a servant room and a wood shed - there you have it.

Much of the old part of the house is put together with pegs. I have a book gotten out by our Historical Society which treats of Dutch houses up and down the Hudson River and altho' this is not a Dutch house, nevertheless this book helped me to understand this old house better than I could have had I not read it. I was quite surprised to learn from it that, with few exceptions, the early houses contained but two to four rooms. Think of it! I suppose this was because of lack of heating facilities.

In the kitchen that was are several quaint features - low ceiling, open beams hand hewn, and crudely so, small window panes, fire-place for the cooking in the early days. To the right of the fire-place is a closet which was originally the Dutch Oven. To the left is the "Bunky"--a low closet where logs were kept for the fireplace. Later this was used for tucking away odds and ends. One time Grandmother, in her effort to find something in the "Bunky" got down on her knees as one must, put her head in and there, within a few inches of her face was a large black snake coiled up on the shelf. Imagine!

But my grandmother was a woman of great courage and no doubt met the situation in her usual brave way. I always think of my grandmother as a pioneer type of woman, fearing nothing and able to meet any and all situations. She was very gentle, however, in her manner. She was a woman who was always doing good--the "Lady Bountiful" of the neighborhood, I always think. An elderly lady in Hyde Park who had known grandmother said to my sister one day about our grandmother--"Mrs. Ballard, they don't make them like that any more!" A fine compliment, indeed!

My home is furnished almost entirely with antiques some of which came right out of this very house, for instance: I have a rush bottom chair which had belonged to my great, great grandfather, Major John Pawling; then it went to his son Levi Pawling who was my great grandfather; then to his daughter Gertrude Pawling-Wallace; then to me. I prize this very highly. I have a silk shawl of my great, great grandmother Elizabeth (Betsy) Uhl-Griffing. Of Levi Pawling's things (he was my great grandfather), I have his pewter shaving mug, one of his shuttles for weaving and the tin box in which he kept his bills. Of his wife's, Hannah Griffing-Pawling I have her Welsh Dresser (what is left of it); candlestand; pewter plate; pewter tablespoon and her Dutch Kas. I have bureaus, chairs, tables, beds, mirrors, clocks, pictures, brass and so on and on. I am not saying this boastfully for after all none of these are "grand" or costly though some of them would bring good prices in New York City. They are just nice and characteristic of their times. The Dutch Kas is very plain but it is hand hewn with hand wrought nails. I think this is about two hundred years old for in the Metropolitan Museum of Arts in New York there is a very handsome one of this type and that they say, is two hundred years old so I figure mine must be about the same.

In this house there have been as residents or guests seven generations that I positively know of and am almost sure there have been eight. That is figuring from my great, great grandmother Pawling, wife of Major John Pawling, who spent her last days here and died here, on down to the newest generation of the family. We all love it--rich and poor alike, cousins of all degrees who loved their "Aunt Gitty," as my grandmother was called by nieces and nephews. "Gitty" is a Dutch name or nickname for Gertrude which was her name. My great grandmother, the second wife, named their daughter after her husband's first wife, Gertrude Knickerbocker. I think that was a beautiful thing for my great grandmother to do!

This place is, and always has been, a sort of shrine to all of us--the children of my great grandparents, now all gone; the grandchildren; the great grandchildren and some of the great, great grandchildren. Here is an illustration of it: one day many, many years ago, my

grandmother (died 1914, aged 92) saw two men down by the well. Coming nearer to the house a little later she recognized them as her half-nephews or grand nephews (I forget which now). They had come a long distance (no automobiles then) to do just two things--get a drink from the old well and a piece of pie or cake out of the "milk cellar." They had not been here for a long, long time. They had now come to live over again the days of their childhood in their grandparent's old home where they had been happy visitors. They were evidently greatly stirred for grandmother overheard one of them say to the other, "My God, Charlie--we're back to the old house and had a drink from the well" and so on.

Thus it was and is with all of us. It is enshrined in our hearts. You see we were city-bred children and things were so different here. It was a sort of "Fairyland" where we could be free, where one could be close to nature which, I find, all children love. There was romance here too, for was there not the "Tory Hole," the "Santa Claus Holes" and the "Whip-poor-Will Holes?"

Perhaps you will be shocked to know that I live here alone. It isn't as bad as it sounds, however. It cannot be helped for I have no one to live with me. My children are married and business takes them in different directions. I know they worry about my being here alone but it is my choice. A woman, nearby, who used to work for my people here, comes in frequently to see how I am. In these days I do my own work but I have a young woman who comes in whenever I need her. I also have a young man who does the same. Two different relatives at different times wished to come here with me but there were reasons in each case that caused me to decide against it much as I would like to have someone with me.

I wanted to come here. I can leave it when I wish to, of course. But I love the old place and if I haven't living persons with me, Shades of my Fathers! The place is alive with memories of the dead!

I love a house full of people and am accustomed to it; so it seems odd for me to be alone. I came here in 1931. Prior to that I spent two years in Poughkeepsie. Of course, if I were not a self-sufficient person I couldn't live here alone but I have my hobbies and household duties to keep me occupied. I spend quite a lot of time reading which has always been my delight. I am interested in nature--the wild birds and animals such as squirrels and, in summer, chipmunks, who eat at my window trays.

The little chipmunks are the dearest little animals! I think they are my favorites. One came right in of its own accord last summer and ate in my kitchen from the floor and even from my hand. She allows me to stroke her, too. She happens to be the prettiest little chipmunk I ever saw. I shall watch for her in the spring but now, of course, she is more or less asleep in her little home under the ground by my bedroom window.

Three very nice little children from across the way visit me almost every day, and sometimes two and three times a day in summer when there is no school. Then, last but not least by any means, are my genealogical interests and my weaving. Yes, I weave! Sometimes right in the very room where great grandfather did the family weaving in the old days. I took it up about six years ago. I weave for pleasure. The same holds true of my genealogical work. With all these interests how can I be lonely except I always, anywhere, anytime, miss my boys, and, of course, my husband.

Here endeth my story. I hope it has, in some small measure, entertained you and that it has given you some little idea of the land of your Cookingham ancestors. My great regret is that I am unable to tell you more of the Cookinghams and less, perhaps of the Pawlings. However, numbers of times members of the Wallace family who had Cookingham blood in their veins married into the Pawling family so there is a connection between the two families.

With very best regards to you and yours, I am

Your kinswoman,

Katherine Wallace Kitts

ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS OF HENRY FRANCIS WHEELOCK
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The Wheelock family in England has been prominent for several hundred years. In Ormond's History of Cheshire the name of Whelok appears as of the time and reign of Henry II, about the year 1200 A.D. That book records the name as "de Quelok", "de Whelok", and "Wheelock", and recites that "Roger Mainwaring released to Hugh de Whelok all his claim to the village of Whelok, which he (the said Hugh) held of Richard de Moston his knight." About 1438, the village or Manor of Whelok appears to have passed into possession of the Leversage family. The Wheelocks who thus early became extinct, as a family, in the township which was called by their name, were probably survived by lines of yeomanry bearing the same name, who were settled in Becton and Hassall, where the parent house held lands, and later on, were widely scattered through the counties of Cheshire and Shropshire. The village of Wheelock was, in 1873, a distinct parish, whose living was accounted a vicarage, in the gift of the rector of Sandback.

First Generation in America

I. RALPH WHEELOCK, b. Shropshire, England, May 14, 1600; d. Medfield, Mass., Jan. 11, 1684; m. in England, June 17, 1636, Rebecca , who d. Medfield, Mass., Jan. 1, 1680.

Ralph Wheelock was educated in Clare Hall, Cambridge University, where he received his B.A. in 1626 and his M.A. in 1631. He became an eminent preacher in England, but because of his non-conformist views he was persecuted, and finally in 1637 sought refuge with his Puritan fellows in New England. He was at Watertown, Mass., for a short time, then located permanently at Dedham.

His signature was the tenth affixed to the Dedham Covenant, where he was one of four persons titled "Mister" and one of the first selectmen. There he became, 1644-1651, school-master of the first tax-supported school in America.

When in 1650, a part of Dedham was set off as Medfield, Ralph Wheelock drew up the agreement for the organization of the new town, for which he was selectman, 1650-1654, 1659-1660, and member of the General Court, 1654, 1663, 1664, 1666, and 1667. Though he declined to take charge of any particular church, he preached occasionally in Medfield and adjacent new settlements.

His will written May 3, 1681, proved May 1, 1684, names his sons, Gershom, Benjamin, Eleazer, and Samuel Wheelock; his sons-in-law, Increase Ward and Felix Warren, his granddaughter, Rebecca Craft; and his brother-in-law, George Barbour.

Ralph and Rebecca Wheelock had nine children:

1. GERSHOM WHEELOCK, b. about 1636. See second generation.
2. Rebecca Wheelock, said to have been born at sea en route to America; d. Roxbury, Mass., Nov. 24, 1667; m. Roxbury, Mass., June 7, 1654, John Crafts, son of Lt. Griffin and Alice Crafts. John Crafts m2nd Mar. 30, 1669, Mary Hudson of Lynn. Rebecca (Wheelock) Crafts became a member of the Roxbury Church July 2, 1663.
3. Mary Wheelock, m. Jan. 28, 1662, Joseph Miles. They lived at Shrewsbury, Mass. See Tilden's History of Medfield, Mass.
4. Benjamin Wheelock, b. Dedham, Mass., 8th day, 10th month 1639 (bpt. 12th day, 11th month, the first Wheelock birth recorded in America); m1st Medfield, Mass., May 21, 1668, Elizabeth Bullen, dau. of Samuel and Mary (Morse) Bullen. She d. Mendon, Mass., Oct. 22, 1689; he m2nd Elizabeth French. In 1668 Benjamin Wheelock had a house in Medfield and the following year he received an additional grant of land "between his house and the brook, taking in some part of the brook." He left Medfield and settled in Mendon about 1685. He had seven children including two sons:
 - i. Benjamin Wheelock.
 - ii. Obadiah Wheelock.
5. Samuel Wheelock, b. Oct. 22, 1642; d. Medfield, Mass., Oct. 23, 1698; m. Rehoboth, Mass., Apr. 3, 1678, Sarah Kenricks. She m2nd 1703, Josiah Rocket (Rockwood). Samuel inherited the original Wheelock estate in Medfield; he had two daughters:
 - i. Sarah Wheelock.
 - ii. Mehitable Wheelock.

6. Record Wheelock, b. Dedham, Mass., 15th day, 10th month 1644 (bpt. 22nd day, 10th month); d. July 26, 1726; m. Oct. 3, 1672, Increase Ward of Shrewsbury, who d. Marlboro, Mass., Aug. 4 (or 25), 1690, age 46 years. Increase Ward had a farm and saw-mill on the river in what is now Northboro, Mass.
7. Peregrina Wheelock, d. Apr. 1, 1671; m. Oct. 26, 1669, John Warfield. Dea. John Warfield was of Dedham 1642, Medfield and Mendon after 1685; in the latter town he was the first schoolmaster. He m1st Elizabeth Sheppard, who d. May 24, 1669; m2nd Peregrina Wheelock; m3rd Hannah Randall. See histories of Medfield and Milford, Mass.
8. Experience Wheelock, b. Dedham, Mass., 1648 (bpt. 3rd day, 7th month); d. Medfield, Mass., Feb. 27, 1710; m. May 21, 1668, Joseph Warren, who d. Nov. 18, 1719.
9. ELEAZER WHEELOCK, b. Medfield, Mass., May 3, 1654. For a further account of his descendants see DSGR Magazine, Spring, 1955.

Second Generation

II. GERSHOM WHEELOCK, said to have been born in England, probably about 1636; d. Medfield, Mass., Nov. 28, 1684; m. May 18, 1658, Hannah Stodder, dau. John and Anna (or Hannah) Stodder of Hingham, Mass.

Gershom Wheelock was on the Rev. Mr. Wilson's list for rate in 1657; so it is presumed he came of age about that time. In 1663 he had liberty from the town to cut "200 seder plank" in the Common Swamp. In 1674 he rang the bell and swept the meeting house, for which the town paid him 2 pounds, 15 shillings; the following year he assisted in thatching the meeting house. His house on the Harbor Island Road was burned by the Indians and was rebuilt on the same location. In 1690 Gershom Wheelock's heirs sold this homestead to Joseph Plimpton.

Gershom Wheelock and Hannah Stodder had seven children:

1. Hannah Wheelock, b. June 25, 1659; d. July 10, 1659.
2. Samuel Wheelock, b. Jan. 4, 1660; d. Jan. 22, 1660/1.
3. Hannah Wheelock, b. Jan. 26, 1661.
4. SAMUEL WHEELOCK, b. Jan. 21, 1664/5. See third generation.
5. John Wheelock, b. Dec. 18, 1670; d. June 16, 1684.
6. Joseph Wheelock, b. 1672; d. 1752; m. Elizabeth Joseph Wheelock settled in Lancaster, Mass., where he and his wife were admitted to the church Feb. 2, 1728/9. In his will dated Nov. 17, 1745, with a codicil dated Mar. 6, 1750, probated July 20, 1752, Joseph mentions: wife, Elizabeth; sons, Joseph, Jonathan and John Wheelock; eldest daughter, Elizabeth Sawyer; daughters, Mary Osgood, Abigail Eames, Ruth Houghton; youngest daughter, Martha Houghton; granddaughter, Abigail Eames. On July 29, 1749, Joseph Wheelock of Lancaster, Mass. sold to Ephraim Wheelock of Medfield, his full right and share in land in Medway which was formerly granted to "my grandfather Ralph Wheelock." The consideration in this transaction was "for taking care of my brother Timothy Wheelock." See Suffolk Deeds 91, 257.
7. Timothy Wheelock, b. 1673; d. Medway, Mass., 1761; never married. In 1699 a special town meeting called "to see about Timothy Wheelock," voted to pay out of the town treasury to take the best and most prudent care of Timothy.

Third Generation

III. SAMUEL WHEELOCK, b. Medfield, Mass., Jan. 21, 1664/5; d. Shrewsbury, Mass., Apr. 4, 1756; m. Lydia Rice, b. June 4, 1668, dau. Henry and Elizabeth (Moore) Rice.

Samuel Wheelock of Sudbury, Marlboro and Shrewsbury was one of the founders and first deacon of the church at Shrewsbury, Dec. 27, 1723. In a deed, executed Dec. 10, 1740, recorded Jan. 2, 1744/5, Samuel and Lydia Wheelock of Shrewsbury made over their estate to Daniel Wheelock of Shrewsbury out of "parental love and affection, and in consideration of obligation to maintain myself and wife. (Ref.: Deed Book 19, p. 222; Worcester Co. Probates, Case 63804.)

Samuel Wheelock and Lydia Rice had eleven children:

1. Gershom Wheelock, b. about 1693; d. Mar. 16, 1770; m. 1st Sudbury, Mass., Jan. 1, 1718/9, Abigail Flagg, who d. Oct. 17, 1762 in her 69th year. Capt. Gershom Wheelock

- m2nd Apr. 27, 1764, Eliza, widow of Daniel Rice. In 1731 and 1736 Gershom Wheelock was selectman at Shrewsbury. In a deed dated Mar. 27, 1754 Gershom together with all his brothers and sisters (except Martha and Hannah), all of Shrewsbury "children of the late Samuel of Shrewsbury and a brother of Joseph of Lancaster and Timothy of Medway," join in conveying land in Medway to their uncle Ephraim of Medfield. The will of Gershom Wheelock, Gentleman, dated Shrewsbury, filed Apr. 9, 1770, mentions: wife Elizabeth; sons, David, Jonathan and Gershom Wheelock; daughter, Abigail Potter, wife of Daniel. See Rice Genealogy, histories of Marlboro and Shrewsbury.
2. Lydia Wheelock, m. Sudbury, Mass., Jan. 1, 1718/9, Richard Ward.
 3. SAMUEL WHEELOCK, b. Marlboro, Mass., May 14, 1696. See fourth generation.
 4. Martha Wheelock, b. Marlboro, Mass., Apr. 13, 1698; m. Shrewsbury, Mass., July 19, 1724, Ephraim Pratt.
 5. Elizabeth Wheelock, b. Marlboro, Mass., Apr. 10, 1700; m. Shrewsbury, Mass., Feb. 14, 1727/8, Israel Bond, b. Sudbury, Mass., 1705, s. Elnathan and Mercy (Rice) Allen. See Bond's History of Watertown, Mass.
 6. Hannah Wheelock, b. Marlboro, Mass., Jan. 23, 1701.
 7. Tamer Wheelock, b. Mar. 2, 1703/4; m. Shrewsbury, Mass., July 13, 1725, Ebenezer Keyes.
 8. Mary Wheelock, b. June 5, 1706; m. Shrewsbury, Mass., Oct. 28, 1734, Eli Keyes.
 9. Daniel Wheelock, b. Aug. 10, 1708. He appears to have died previous to 1759, when Ebenezer Keyes was acting as his administrator. (Worcester Co. Probates, Case 63641). Daniel's farm was in that part of Marlboro, then known as "the leg," annexed to Lancaster in 1741, and since become a part of Sterling, Mass.
 10. Lois Wheelock, b. Dec. 25, 1710; m. Shrewsbury, Mass., May 1, 1746, Cyrus Wheeler, b. Marlboro, Mass., Nov. 17, 1717; d. Shrewsbury, Mass., Feb. 19, 1782, s. Cyrus and Mary (Hapgood) Wheeler.
 11. Rachel Wheelock, b. Nov. 26, 1714; m. Shrewsbury, Mass., Feb. (or Mar.) 2, 1742/3, Daniel Willard, who was a housewright of Worcester (1744) and Shrewsbury (1745).

Fourth Generation

IV. SAMUEL WHEELOCK, b. Marlboro, Mass., May 14, 1696; m. Marlboro, Mass., Feb. 15, 1720, Huldah Rice of Westboro, Mass.

Samuel Wheelock and Huldah Rice had six children:

1. Nahor Wheelock, b. Nov. 6, 1721; m. Shrewsbury, Mass., Dec. 16, 1747, Abigail Williams. His will, dated Shrewsbury, Dec. 5, 1781, allowed Feb. 7, 1786, mentions: wife, Abigail; sons, Stephen, Eliab, Silas, Ezra and Joshua Wheelock; daughters, Huldah, wife of Joseph Grimes, Jr., Lydia, wife of William Hunting, and Abigail.
2. Timothy Wheelock, b. June 24, 1724; m1st Oct. 22, 1747, Sarah Rand, bpt. Aug. 23, 1730, dau. David and Mary (Keyes) Rand. Timothy Wheelock, then of "Ipswich, N.H.," m2nd Shrewsbury, Mass., July 15, 1782, Abigail Sherman. In 1790 and again in 1798 Timothy Wheelock was listed as a resident of Shrewsbury. His will, dated Shrewsbury Apr. 23, 1806, citation June 2, 1812, mentions: widow, Abigail; sons, Timothy, Joel, Ithamar, Lewis and Joseph Wheelock; daughters, Sarah Brooks, Phebe Smith, Resinah Drury and Sarah; witnesses, Isaac Drury, Jasper Rand and Thomas Knowlton. See History of Shrewsbury.
3. PAUL WHEELOCK, b. June 26, 1727. See fifth generation.
4. Samuel Wheelock, b. Apr. 23, 1729; m. Worcester, Mass., Apr. 16, 1754, Dorcas Tenney of Worcester.
5. Persis Wheelock, b. Sept. 19, 1732; m. Shrewsbury, Mass., Nov. 24, 1755, Ezekiel Newton, b. May 9, 1733, s. Elisha and Sarah Newton.
6. Huldah Wheelock, b. July 20, 1741; m. Shrewsbury, Mass., Nov. 20, 1762, Timothy Newton, b. May 17, 1737, s. Elisha and Sarah Newton. (Worcester Co. Probates, Guardianship Case 63699).

Fifth Generation

V. PAUL WHEELOCK, b. June 26, 1727; d. Millbury, Mass., 1824, age 97 years; m. Thankful ?. During the Revolutionary War, Paul Wheelock served in Capt. Bezalel Taft's 9th Company, Col. Nathan Tyler's 3rd Worcester County Regiment; he entered service July 28, 1780, marched on the alarm to Tiverton, R.I., July 27, 1780, and was discharged Aug. 7, 1780.

Paul and Thankful Wheelock had six children:

1. PAUL WHEELOCK, b. Shrewsbury, Mass., Oct. 10, 1750. See sixth generation.
2. Rhoda Wheelock, b. Shrewsbury, Mass., Aug. 12, 1752; d. Jan. 9, 1837; m. Grafton, Mass., int. May 14, 1774, Timothy Chickory, who d. Jan. 10, 1829.
3. Sammel Wheelock, b. Shrewsbury, Mass., May 6, 1755; m. Westboro, Mass., Apr. 1, 1787, Susanna Hoppins (said to have been a dau. of John Hancock's sister). They lived in Brookfield, Mass. (1790) and later in Pompey, N.Y. See Onondaga Co., N.Y. records.
4. Mary Wheelock, b. Shrewsbury, Mass., Jan. 8, 1758; m. Daniel Sternes.
5. Alvin Wheelock, b. Grafton, Mass., Apr. 22, 1761 (bpt. Feb. 8, 1764); m. Olive Warren.
6. Luther Wheelock, b. Grafton, Mass., Feb. 5, 1764; d. 1773.

Sixth Generation

VI. PAUL WHEELOCK, b. Shrewsbury, Mass., Oct. 10, 1750; d. before 1824; m. Westboro, Mass., int. Oct. 12, 1781, Lois Sibley.

Paul Wheelock and Lois Sibley had ten children:

1. Reuben Wheelock, b. Sutton, Mass., Mar. 23, 1782; d. Jan. 16, 1876; m. Grafton, Mass., int. May 4, 1808, Charlotte Baker, b. Shrewsbury, Mass., Dec. 2, 1786; d. Sutton, Mass., Nov. 21, 1865, dau. Reuben Baker.
2. Leonard Wheelock, m. Grafton, Mass., Oct. 17, 1804, Percis Brigham, b. Aug. 4, 1786, dau. William and Sarah Brigham.
3. Lois Wheelock, m. Grafton, Mass., Sept. 29, 1805, Silas Weatherby, s. Lt. Thomas Witherby.
4. Gardner Wheelock, b. 1787; d. Jan. 11, 1837, bur. Pine Grove Cemetery, Grafton, Mass. He m. Shrewsbury, Mass., Dec. 31, 1818, Anna Harrington, b. 1792; d. Oct. 23, 1831, dau. Fortunatus and Anna (Harrington) Harrington. (Worcester Co. Probates, Administration 63680).
5. Lucretia Wheelock, m. John Sinclair.
6. Mary Wheelock, b. 1793; d. Mar. 15, 1832; m. as his 2nd wife, Grafton, Mass., Feb. 25, 1823, Rufus Prentice, b. 1790, s. Daniel and Abigail (Stanley) Prentice. Rufus Prentice m1st Jan. 5, 1815, Abigail Marsh; he m3rd Sarah Aldrich.
7. Jubal Wheelock, m. Lucy Cheney. His will was offered for probate June 4, 1861.
8. Russell Wheelock, b. Millbury, Mass., Apr. 7, 1797; d. Sept. 26, 1849; m. Grafton, Mass., May 31, 1825, Betsy Sherman. (Worcester Co. Probates, Administration 63800).
9. Daniel Wheelock, b. Millbury, Sutton, Mass., Nov. 7, 1799; d. Worcester, Mass., Aug. 25, 1865; m. Chester, Vt., Sept. 3, 1826, Susan Pratt Prentice, dau. Henry and Molly (Pratt) Prentice of Weathersfield, Vt. He was a stone cutter, building mover and general contractor. The following are his children:
 - i. Daniel A. Wheelock, b. Norwich, Conn., June 27, 1829. See hereafter.
 - ii. Sarah Jane Wheelock, b. Springfield, Vt., May 8, 1832.
 - iii. Joseph Henry Wheelock, b. Grafton, Mass. See hereafter. (Worcester Co. Probates, Administration 63643; The Leland Magazine).
10. THOMAS JEFFERSON WHEELOCK, d. Apr. 8, 1854. See seventh generation.

Seventh Generation

VII. THOMAS JEFFERSON WHEELOCK, d. Apr. 8, 1854; m1st Apr. 11, 1824, Elizabeth King, who d. Apr. 8, 1826, dau. Isaac King. Thomas Jefferson Wheelock m2nd May 15, 1828, Rebecca Fiske; he m3rd Oct. 17, 1833, Louisa Abigail Rice, b. Brattleborough, Vt., Sept. 26, 1815; d. Jan. 23, 1899, dau. Gardinar and Lydia (Hagar) Rice.

Louisa Abigail (Rice) Wheelock m2nd Daniel Albert Wheelock, s. Daniel and Susan (Prentice) Wheelock. See sixth generation. During the Gold Rush Daniel A. Wheelock went to California.

Thomas Jefferson Wheelock and his first wife Elizabeth King had one daughter:

1. Elizabeth Tamer Wheelock, b. Mar. 7, 1825; m. as his 2nd wife, Upton Mass., Apr. 23, 1846, Judson Eames, b. 1818; d. suddenly, Mendon, Mass., Apr. 9, 1874, s. Moses and Nancy Eames. Judson Eames, then of Milford, m1st Grafton, Mass., Jan. 24, 1844, Mary E. Dunnell.

Thomas Jefferson Wheelock and his second wife Rebecca Fiske had two daughters:

1. Maria Wheelock, d. Grafton, Mass., Sept. 10, 1831, age 4 months, 4 days.
2. Maria Wheelock, b. Oct. 19, 1832; m. John Reed, Jr. During the Civil War he served in the 115th Regiment N.Y. Volunteers. They had four children:
 - i. Novella Reed.
 - ii. Ida Reed, b. Mar. 4, 1865; m. Frank L. Anibal, b. May 1, 1863.
 - iii. William Reed.
 - iv. Edgar Reed.

Thomas Jefferson Wheelock and his third wife Louisa Abigail Rice had five children:

1. Lorenzo S. Wheelock, b. Sept. 11, 1834; d. Weavertown, N.Y., Oct. 5, 1875; m. Nancy Staples. He had one son born posthumously after his widow returned to Grafton, Mass.
2. HENRY FRANCIS WHEELOCK, b. Oct. 7, 1837. See eighth generation.
3. Syrena Wheelock, b. Dec. 14, 1840; d. Sept. 8, 1841.
4. Elbridge Wheelock, b. Dec. 5, 1847; d. during the Civil War in the Battle of Forest, when he was crushed under a tree felled by artillery fire.
5. William Edmund Wheelock, b. Feb. 5, 1849; d. Oct. 4, 1909; m. Jan. 1, 1873, Sarah Edwards, b. Nov. 12, 1854, dau. William Edwards. They had two children:
 - i. Lottie M. Wheelock, b. Aug. 21, 1873; m. Apr. 13, 1897, David Frost, b. Mar. 30, 1870. They live in Thurman, N.Y. and have two children.
 - ii. Walter Wheelock, b. Apr. 30, 1880; m. Nov. 8, 1917, Josephine M. Barton, b. May 28, 1881. They live in Thurman, N.Y. and have one child.

Louisa Abigail (Rice) Wheelock and her second husband Daniel A. Wheelock had two children:

1. Albert G. Wheelock, b. Aug. 21, 1855; d. Aug. 15, 1887.
2. Albertine Wheelock, b. Jan. 9, 1858; m. Clarence Pearsall, who d. about 1930. They lived at Roslyn, Long Island, N.Y. and had one daughter:
 - i. Bertha Pearsall, m. James Thomas Tucker. They lived at Walkill, Ulster Co., N.Y. and had five children.
 Albertine (Wheelock) Pearsall raised as her adopted daughter her first cousin, Kittie Wheelock, dau. Joseph Henry Wheelock. See sixth generation. Kittie Wheelock Pearsall m. Al Bedell and had two children.

Eighth Generation

VIII. HENRY FRANCIS WHEELOCK, b. Grafton, Mass., Oct. 7, 1837; d. Wells, Hamilton Co., N.Y., Nov. 26, 1916 (Sunday at 1:30 P.M.); m. as her second husband, July 2, 1856, Louisa Abigail (Rice) Mead, his mother's niece. She was b. Hadley Hill, Warren Co., N.Y., Apr. 24, 1832; d. Blue Mountain Lake, N.Y., June 8, 1894 of tuberculosis.

Louisa Abigail Rice m1st Ornan Mead, who d. Hadley Hill, N.Y., Oct. 17, 1854, age 24 years, 2 months and 28 days. They had one daughter: Florence Mead, b. Dec. 3, 1853; m. Perley Woodward, a cabinet-maker of Luzerne, N.Y.

As a young man Henry Francis Wheelock came from Massachusetts to settle in the northern part of Hamilton Co., N.Y. He was a stone mason and bridge builder, whose handiwork may be seen in the power houses at Blue Mountain Lake, Indian Lake, Long Lake, Newcomb, Racquette Lake and Forked Lake. While at Weavertown, N.Y. he was constable, deputy sheriff, and tax collector for Warren County. Later, in 1896 he was sheriff of Hamilton County. At one time he owned and operated a hotel at Stony Creek, and during his later years he was engaged in farming.

Henry Francis Wheelock and Louisa Abigail Rice had eight children:

1. Fannie Susan Wheelock, b. July 20, 1857; d. Nov. 6, 1936; m. Johnsburg, N.Y., Feb. 12, 1876, Watson Benjamin Hewett, b. July 6, 1854; d. about 1908. He was a machinist at Gloversville, N.Y. They had two children:
 - i. Ann Rebecca Hewett, b. Johnsburg, N.Y., Sept. 22, 1877.
 - ii. Charles Watson Hewett, b. Johnsburg, N.Y., Jan. 4, 1888; m. Gloversville, N.Y., June 24, 1908, Effie Bixby, b. Apr. 21, 1884. They had one daughter.

2. Martha Elizabeth Wheelock, b. Grafton, Mass., Sept. 3, 1860; d. about 1934; m. Mar. 12, 1879, Charles H. Moston, b. May 28, 1856; d. Jan. 28, 1915, s. Philip and Elizabeth Moston. He was a blacksmith at Weavertown, N.Y., They had two sons:
 - i. Charles Ernest Moston, b. Weavertown, N.Y., June 6, 1881; m. Chatham, N.Y., Mar. 26, 1902, Edith Portia Wilcox. They live Buskirk, N.Y. Four children.
 - ii. George Wheelock Moston, b. Weavertown, N.Y., Sept. 27, 1884; d. Mar. 21, 1890. The Mostons had also an adopted daughter Grace Moston (b. Maud Taylor, dau. Henry Taylor of Blue Mountain Lake, N.Y.;) she m. Judge Davie of Albany, N.Y.
3. Cora Emma Wheelock, b. July 22, 1862; d. Johnsburg Corners, N.Y., Aug. 10, 1864.
4. Ella Maria Wheelock, b. Hadley Hill, Saratoga Co., N.Y., Apr. 15, 1864; m1st Palmer Falls, N.Y., Jan. 2, 1880, John Wakely Thomson, b. Johnsburg, N.Y., Sept. 1, 1861; d. Grant, N.Y., Jan. 29, 1901. Ella Maria (Wheelock) Thomson m2nd Indian Lake, N.Y., Jacob Meyers, b. Alaben, N.Y., June 28, 1847; d. Glens Falls, N.Y., May 26, 1934. For an account of the ancestry of John Wakely Thomson and a list of his descendants see "Descendants of Mr. Benjamin Thomson of Elizabeth, N.J.," by Winifred Thomson Argersinger Gonseth, published in DSGR Magazine, 1954, Vol. XVIII, pp. 11-16.
5. Henrietta Wheelock, b. Johnsburg, N.Y., Apr. 29, 1868; m1st Johnsburg, N.Y., Sept. 25, 1888, Daniel Donahue, from whom she obtained a divorce. She m2nd Blue Mountain Lake, N.Y., Dec. 11, 1896, Harry Linforth; she m3rd Indian Lake, N.Y., Sept. 6, 1908, Daniel Donahue, her first husband. By Donahue she had two sons whose name was changed to Linforth:
 - i. William Henry (Donahue) Linforth, b. July 20, 1887; m. Augusta Volgker of Buffalo, N.Y.
 - ii. Harrison (Donahue) Linforth, b. Sept. 21, 1889; m. Laura Morgan of Syracuse, N.Y. Four children.
6. William Henry Wheelock, b. Sept. 21, 1870; d. after being kicked by a horse, May 1894; m. Warrensburg, N.Y., Sept. 2, 1893, Louise Hayes. No children.
7. Grace Mabel Wheelock, b. Jan. 1, 1873; d. July 29, 1935; m. Wells, N.Y., June 25, 1899, Fred S. Burgess, b. Wells, N.Y., June 5, 1867. Mr. Burgess has been since 1910 a member and clerk of the Board of Education, and since 1928 also an inspector of elections in Wells, N.Y. They have two children:
 - i. Edward H. Burgess, b. Wells, N.Y., Apr. 14, 1905; m. Ogdensburg, N.Y., June 30, 1927, Leonora Malett.
 - ii. Pauline Burgess, b. Feb. 26, 1910.
8. Jennie Louise Wheelock, b. May 13, 1875; m. Indian Lake, N.Y., Sept. 25, 1893, William Arthur Potter, b. June 11, 1868; d. August 1936, s. Joseph C. and Elizabeth M. (Fairfield) Potter. They have one son:
 - i. Arden Wheelock Potter, b. Blue Mountain Lake, N.Y., Apr. 16, 1894; m. Glens Falls, N.Y., Oct. 3, 1917, Elizabeth Emma Pellow, b. Cornwall, England, Apr. 23, 1891, dau. John and Emma (Jage) Pellow. They have six children.

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IN MEMORY:- Frank Bird Lamb was born in Jackson, Susquehanna Co., Pa., 24 Oct. 1863, a son of Joel Hall and Nancy Morgan (Wood) Lamb; on 3 Apr. 1890 he married Christiana Ard who died in 1941. From 1885 until his retirement in 1925, Mr. Lamb was a pharmacist and drug store owner in Westfield, N.Y. His later years were spent at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. R. Sellers in Birmingham, Mich., where he died on 27 July 1955. Besides his membership in the DSGR, he belonged to the NEHG Society, the Chautauqua County Historical Society and the SAR. He was a member of the Birmingham Presbyterian Church and was active in Masonic affairs.

A FELCH FAMILY HISTORY

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Seventh Generation

VII. MARY FELCH, b. Jan. 22, 1798, Canterbury, Conn.; d. Feb. 1, 1868; m. Sept. 6, 1818, Calvin Needham, b. Sept. 5, 1790; d. Jan. 7, 1873.

Calvin Needham and Mary (Polly) Felch had five children:

1. Charles Rollin Needham, b. Apr. 30, 1819; d. Aug. 6, 1874; m. Arvilla Reed, whose father was the first minister of the Baptist Church in Castile, N.Y.
 - i. Frank Needham, b. August 1842; d. 1914; m. Wyoming, N.Y., 1867, Alice Palmer.
 - ii. Charles Willis Needham, m. Carrie Beach of Castile, N.Y. He was a lawyer in Chicago, Ill. and Washington, D.C., was founder and first president of the School of Diplomacy and later was president of George Washington University.
2. John Calvin Needham, b. Nov. 2, 1821; d. Aug. 27, 1877; m. Attica, N.Y., 1847, Marcia Minger. They moved to Wisconsin before the Civil War. Six children:
 - i. Silas O. Needham, b. June 4, 1848; d. Feb. 4, 1849.
 - ii. John Horatio Needham (called Horace), b. Sept. 11, 1850.
 - iii. George W. Needham, b. July 8, 1852.
 - iv. Miron D. Needham, b. Sept. 17, 1858; d. Pasadena, Calif., Feb. 20, 1880.
 - v. Martha M. Needham, b. Pasadena, Calif., Oct. 17, 1860.
 - vi. Sarah J. Needham, b. Pasadena, Calif., Oct. 17, 1862.
3. Mary Mehitable Needham, b. Feb. 1, 1824; d. May 15, 1853; m. Volney G. Calkins.
 - i. George Calkins, who died in infancy.
 - ii. Rollin Needham Calkins, b. Apr. 10, 1853; d. Seattle, Wash., Sept. 26, 1925; m. Mar. 25, 1880, Cora B. Gram, d. Seattle, Wash., 1927, bur. Castile, N.Y.
4. Caroline Minerva Needham, b. Mar. 20, 1826; d. Apr. 5, 1908; m. Feb. 10, 1847, Norman W. Calkins. They had two daughters:
 - i. Louise Minerva Calkins, b. Jan. 1, 1848; m. Nov. 22, 1871, Adelbert Tallman, b. Sept. 17, 1848.
 - ii. Mary Jane Calkins, b. Mar. 23, 1859; d. Jan. 19, 1903.
5. Lydia Jane Needham, b. Mar. 17, 1832; d. Sept. 28, 1901; m. Castile, N.Y., 1850, Morgan Calkins. They had five children:
 - i. Ella Calkins, b. May 1856; m. October 1880, Charles Calkins.
 - ii. Eugene Calkins, b. Aug. 19, 1851, Perry, N.Y.; d. Oct. 16, 1919, El Monte, Calif.; m. Frances Van Gorder.
 - iii. Edgar Calkins, b. Aug. 1, 1854; d. May 1919, Belvidere, Ill.; m. Mattice Martin. No children.
 - iv. Mary Calkins, b. Apr. 17, 1861; m. Mar. 13, 1888, Wyoming, N.Y., Will Handyside.
 - v. John C. Calkins, b. January 1870.

VII. JOHN NELSON FELCH, b. Aug. 15, 1804; d. Castile, N.Y., Oct. 14, 1877; m. January or June 2, 1836, Elizabeth Sayles.

John Nelson Felch and Elizabeth Sayles had four children:

1. Amy S. Felch, b. Oct. 25, 1837; d. Oct. 22, 1862.
2. Eunice A. Felch, b. May 24, 1840; d. Jan. 16, 1879; m. Mar. 7, 1866, John Thomas.
 - i. Clarence H. Thomas, b. June 6, 1868.
 - ii. Grace Thomas, b. Oct. 6, 1870.
 - iii. Edward L. Thomas, b. Aug. 13, 1873.
 - iv. Elizabeth M. Thomas, b. Feb. 13, 1876.
3. Anna Felch, b. Apr. 5, 1842; m. Sept. 3, 1879, John Thomas. They had three children:
 - i. Ruth S. Thomas, b. July 25, 1880; d. Dec. 14, 1900.
 - ii. Adra F. Thomas, b. May 5, 1882; m. Sept. 6, 1919, Earl E. Johnson of PennYan, N.Y.
 - iii. Albert N. Thomas, b. Mar. 22, 1885; d. June 8, 1902.
4. James Henry Felch, b. Dec. 2, 1845; m. Sept. 25, 1872, Adda Babcock. They had 1 son:
 - i. Benjamin Felch, b. July 18, 1875; d. in California.

VII. CHESTER ADAMS FELCH, b. Dec. 28, 1806; m. Jan. 18, 1832, Marietta Hulet.

Chester Adams Felch and Marietta Hulet had two children:

1. Sarah Anne Felch, b. Jan. 6, 1833; m. Hartford, N.Y., David Sill. Five daughters:
 - i. Mary Sill.
 - ii. Frances Sill.
 - iii. Carrie Sill.
 - iv. Louise Sill, m. William Townsend, executive of a Glens Falls, N.Y. insurance company.

v. (name unknown).

2. Sebra Mason Felch, b. Aug. 31, 1834; d. 1911.

VII. WILLIS ADAMS FELCH, b. Granville, N.Y., Jan. 20, 1810; d. Castile, N.Y., Nov. 20, 1889; m. Pawlet, Vt., Jan. 1, 1834, Elizabeth Edgerton, b. Pawlet, Vt., Oct. 2, 1812; d. Castile, N.Y., Dec. 25, 1896, dau. of Capt. Simeon and Elizabeth (Griswold) Edgerton and gr. dau. of Major John and Elizabeth (Porter) Griswold.

When a young man, Willis Adams Felch taught school in Pawlet, Vt. and boarded in the home of Capt. Simeon Edgerton, Jr., where he met the daughter Elizabeth and escorted her to the local parties, riding on a pillion back of his saddle. She had a high tortoise-shell comb which was one of her prized possessions; on special occasions when she wanted to wear it, he carried the comb in his high silk hat for safekeeping.

In May 1839 Willis and Elizabeth with their young family moved from Granville to Castile, N.Y. in a covered wagon drawn by two horses. Their furniture came on the Erie Canal to Rochester, then on the Genesee Canal to Cuylersville, N.Y. and by wagon from there to the farm at Castile. Their first house was of logs and there were apple trees from Vermont and a good well. In 1851 this home was replaced and Willis set out maple trees on both sides of the road going to the house. In 1882 they left the old homestead for a house which they had built in the town of Castile. They celebrated their Golden Wedding on Jan. 1, 1884, with all nine children there to present their parents with a set of Haviland china and a comfortable upholstered chair; the grandchildren gave Elizabeth a gold thimble and Willis a gold headed cane.

Squire Felch, as he was called because he was a Justice of the Peace, always carried a bag of raisins in his pocket. These were a source of delight to all the children he met, who were allowed to reach in for a sample. His grandchildren all loved to stay out on his farm. His admonitions on their doings were always made with a merry twinkle in his blue eyes, but the children did not forget them and seldom repeated the offence. He saw to it that all his children were given a good education, attending an academy in addition to the local school.

Willis Adams Felch and Elizabeth Edgerton had ten children:

1. Mary Elizabeth Felch, b. Granville, N.Y., Nov. 16, 1834; d. Castile, N.Y., Sept. 14, 1913; m. Castile, N.Y., 1867, Robert Emmet Norton, b. Feb. 3, 1826; d. February 1901.
 - i. John Willis Norton, b. Castile, N.Y., Aug. 19, 1870; d. Buffalo, N.Y., Apr. 12, 1948. He never married.
 - ii. Elizabeth Edgerton Norton, b. Castile, N.Y., July 30, 1872; d. Niagara Falls, N.Y., July 16, 1941; m. Warsaw, N.Y., Nov. 19, 1909, Howard Stokes.
 - iii. Adra Calkins Norton, b. Castile, N.Y., July 28, 1874; m. Warsaw, N.Y., Nov. 19, 1909, Frank Murray, b. Perry, N.Y., Apr. 20, 1868. No children.
2. John Willis Felch, b. Granville, N.Y., Apr. 5, 1836; d. Nekoma, Kans., Oct. 3, 1914; m. La Crosse, Kans., Oct. 15, 1885, Mrs. Laura Leona Garner, b. Elgin, Ill., Nov. 26, 1848; d. Nekoma, Kans., Feb. 6, 1935. As a young man John Willis Felch went to Colorado; he served in Indian warfare during the Civil War and then took up a Soldier's Homestead in Kansas. He married the widow of his partner who owned the adjoining farm. His only trip back east was for the Golden Wedding. He had one dau.:
 - i. Nellie Leona Felch, b. Nekoma, Kans., Feb. 24, 1887; m. Scott City, Kans., Oct. 27, 1920, William Ralph Kirby, b. La Claire, Ia., Mar. 16, 1895.
3. Simeon Edgerton Felch, b. Granville, N.Y., Sept. 29, 1837; d. Danville, Ill., Feb. 16, 1920; m1st Fowlerville, N.Y., Dec. 27, 1866, Mary Jane Mattice, b. Fowlerville, N.Y., Nov. 6, 1844; d. Chicago, Ill., Nov. 3, 1906. He m2nd Arcade, N.Y., 1910, Mrs. Henrietta Lyons Jackson. Simeon Felch served in the Civil War. After his marriage, he bought a cheese factory in Silver Springs, N.Y., and later went into the lumber business in the same village. In 1884 he moved to Independence, Ia. where he bought a lumber yard and planing mill. Nine years later he moved to Chicago, Ill. The last months of his life were spent at the Soldier's Home in Danville, Ill.,

- where he died. He was a deacon in the Baptist Church and a Justice of the Peace in both New York and Iowa. Simeon Edgerton Felch and his first wife had three daus.:
- i. Jennie M. Felch, b. Silver Springs, N.Y., Dec. 15, 1869; d. Dec. 11, 1871.
 - ii. Clara Maud Felch, b. Silver Springs, N.Y., Sept. 16, 1877. She graduated from the Chicago Normal School and was a teacher of Home Economics in a Chicago High School until 1942 when she retired and moved to Adrian, Mich.
 - iii. Edna Browning Felch, b. Silver Springs, N.Y., June 14, 1879; m. Mellen, Wis., Sept. 26, 1916, Clarence Frederick Zehe, b. Ashland, Wis.; d. Adrian, Mich., Apr. 26, 1949. No children. She graduated from the Chicago Normal School and taught school in Wisconsin before her marriage.
4. Lyman Clark Felch, b. Granville, N.Y., Mar. 11, 1839; d. Castile, N.Y., July 12, 1921. Never married.
 5. Henrietta Felch, b. Castile, N.Y., July 12, 1841; d. Wilson, N.Y., Dec. 12, 1924; m. Castile, N.Y., Apr. 29, 1869, Samuel Johnson Minger, b. Warsaw, N.Y., Nov. 23, 1838; d. Warsaw, N.Y., Jan. 2, 1910. They had three children:
 - i. Willis Felch Minger, b. Warsaw, N.Y., June 9, 1870; d. Batavia, N.Y., Mar. 24, 1942; m. Warsaw, N.Y., June 28, 1905, Flora Hale, b. Oct. 12, 1875.
 - ii. Emma Rosalie Minger, b. Warsaw, N.Y., Oct. 6, 1872; m. Warsaw, N.Y., Jan. 1, 1904, Vesto Melvin Slipper, b. Mulberry, Ind., Nov. 11, 1875. He is head of Lowell Observatory, Flagstaff, Ariz.
 - iii. Nellie Frances Minger, b. Warsaw, N.Y., Apr. 7, 1876. She is head of the Science Department in the Hempstead, New York High School. Unmarried.
 6. Fannie Arvilla Felch, b. Castile, N.Y., Apr. 14, 1843; d. Warsaw, N.Y., June 10, 1927; m. Castile, N.Y., Jan. 25, 1865, DeWitt Clinton Minger, b. Oct. 14, 1842, Warsaw, N.Y.; d. Warsaw, N.Y., Mar. 18, 1900. They had four children:
 - i. Eda Fannie Minger, b. Mar. 27, 1869; d. March 1872, Warsaw, N.Y.
 - ii. Nellie Elizabeth Minger, b. Mar. 15, 1871; d. March 1872, Warsaw, N.Y.
 - iii. Frances Elizabeth Minger, b. Warsaw, N.Y., Jan. 5, 1873; m. New York City, June 17, 1922, Joseph Freeman Price, b. Newark, N.J., Nov. 30, 1868; d. Glen Ridge, N.J., Aug. 14, 1941.
 - iv. Charles DeWitt Minger, b. Warsaw, N.Y., Jan. 5, 1875; m. Covington, N.Y., June 19, 1901, Carrie Belle Orr.
 7. William Porter Felch, b. July 27, 1845, Castile, N.Y.; d. Castile, N.Y., Nov. 3, 1928; m. Wyoming, N.Y., Mar. 7, 1863, Catherine E. Locke, b. Covington, N.Y., Sept. 15, 1844; d. Buffalo, N.Y., July 27, 1902. They had three children:
 - i. Arthur Scott Felch, b. Castile, N.Y., June 26, 1869; d. Buffalo, N.Y., Jan. 19, 1924. Unmarried.
 - ii. Emma Frances Felch, b. Castile, N.Y., Feb. 17, 1872, never married.
 - iii. Eda Griswold Felch, b. Castile, N.Y., July 27, 1880; m. Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 7, 1918, William H. Burrige of Castile, N.Y. He d. 1932.
 8. Adra Amelia Felch, b. Castile, N.Y., Aug. 2, 1847; d. Chicago, Ill., Jan. 10, 1929; m. Castile, N.Y., July 22, 1874, Norman Dexter Calkins, b. Gainesville, N.Y., Nov. 29, 1847; d. Chicago, Ill., Jan. 7, 1916. They had five children:
 - i. William Hervey Calkins, b. Calesburg, Ill., June 25, 1876; d. Chicago, Ill., Mar. 1, 1930; m. St. Joseph, Mich., July 3, 1902, Honor (Nan) Cosgrove, b. Ottawa, Ill., Aug. 16, 1878; d. Ottawa, Ill., May 26, 1931. No children.
 - ii. Lyman Felch Calkins, b. Castile, N.Y., Dec. 25, 1877; m. Buffalo, N.Y., June 3, 1907, Mrs. Ada Underhill Baker, b. Langley, Eng., Sept. 11, 1880; d. Chicago, Ill., May 13, 1944. No children.
 - iii. Albert Dexter Calkins, b. Chicago, Ill., Mar. 20, 1880; d. Miami, Fla., Mar. 28, 1942; m. Newport, Ky., Dec. 5, 1912, Margaret Lily Gruenewalt, b. Owensboro, Ky., Oct. 2, 1887. They had an adopted daughter, Patty Jean Calkins.
 - iv. Nellie Louise Calkins, b. Chicago, Ill., May 14, 1883; m. Chicago, Ill., May 14, 1908, Oscar Mellgard Swenkerud, b. Chicago, Ill., July 28, 1881.
 - v. Chester Willis Calkins, b. Chicago, Ill., Oct. 25, 1887; m. Benton Harbor, Mich., Mar. 25, 1909, Hope Smith, b. Chicago, Ill., May 10, 1888.
 9. Nellie Hortense Felch, b. Castile, N.Y., May 11, 1851; d. Castile, N.Y., Oct. 10, 1922. Never married.
 10. Emma Rosalie Felch, b. Castile, N.Y., Apr. 12, 1855; d. Castile, N.Y., Jan. 17, 1872.

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Family Records.

VII. LYMAN CLARK FELCH, b. Dec. 10, 1814, Castile, N.Y.; m. Feb. 1, 1844, Catherine Goddard. Both he and his son were physicians.

Lyman Clark Felch and Catherine Goddard had one son:

1. Albert H. Felch, b. Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 20, 1849; m. Jennie Decker. One child:
 - i. Laura Felch.

VII. JOHN FELCH, b. Limerick, Me., Jan. 1, 1795; d. Livonia, Minn., May 20, 1870, bur. Elk River, Minn.; m1st Nov. 7, 1816, Susan Piper Felch, his cousin, dau. Daniel and Sarah (Piper) Felch (See sixth generation.) He m2nd Harriet Ripley Burbank, who survived him and was the second wife of Hall H. Bither.

John Felch spent his boyhood and early manhood in Limerick, Me.; there he married and seven of his children were born. Sometime between 1828 and 1830 he removed to New Limerick and settled on what is known as the Mullen Farm. He was present in 1837 at the organization of the Township of New Limerick and was for many years a prominent citizen of the town. After the death of his first wife in 1853 he moved to Livonia, Minn., where he was engaged in farming.

John Felch and Susan Piper Felch had ten children:

1. Harriet Felch, b. Limerick, Me., Oct. 20, 1817; d. Merced, Calif., July 4, 1896; m. John Truesdell. They had no children.
2. Eunice Felch, b. Nov. 30, 1818, Limerick, Me.; d. Mar. 27, 1896, unmarried, bur. Elk River, Minn.
3. Susan Felch, b. Limerick, Me., Nov. 5, 1820; m. Wentworth Hodsdon. They lived in or near Boston, Mass. Among their children was
 - i. Edna Hodsdon, m. Rev. John Newton. They lived in Kenduskeag, Me. 3 chn.
4. Charles P. Felch, b. Aug. 5, 1822, Limerick, Me.; d. Chicago, Ill., Aug. 1, 1892; m. October 1857, Mary C. Godfrey. Two children died in infancy.
5. Mary Felch, b. Sept. 1, 1824; d. in infancy.
6. John Henry Felch, b. Limerick, Me., Jan. 9, 1826; d. Medford, Ore., July 28, 1917; m. Aug. 26, 1865, Jane Catherine Porter, b. Pawlet, Vt., Apr. 29, 1844; d. June 23, 1928, Medford, Ore., dau. Seneca and Mary Jane (Sheldon) Porter. During the Civil War, from Aug. 19, 1862 to July 11, 1865, John Henry Felch served with the 8th Regiment Minnesota Infantry Volunteers. He was a trustee of the Union Church in Elk River, Minn. They had four daughters:
 - i. Carolyn Eunice Felch, b. Lake Fremont, Minn., July 24, 1866; d. Bemidji, Minn., May 11, 1925, bur. Greenwood Cemetery; m. Elk River, Minn., Dec. 24, 1896, Alfred Henry Harris, son of John Stewart and Mary Epoth (Cocroft) Harris. (Ceremony performed by Rev. Samuel T. Shaw) Carolyn Felch was a graduate of St. Cloud, Minn. Normal School and was a teacher in Minnesota and California. For an account of her descendants, see DSGR Magazine, 1946, Vol. X, "A Stewart Family Record" and 1947, Vol. XI, "The Harris Family Record."
 - ii. Harriet Rose Felch, b. Lake Fremont, Minn., July 24, 1870; d. Wadena, Minn., Nov. 2, 1898, bur. Lower Cemetery, Elk River, Minn.; m. Elk River, Minn., Nov. 22, 1897 (by Rev. W. Fletcher), Charles Alfred Snow of Wright Co., Minn., b. Apr. 15, 1872; d. August 1926. Their only child died in infancy.
 - iii. Susan Felch, b. Lake Fremont, Minn., Jan. 13, 1873; living 1954, Medford, Ore.; m. Elk River, Minn., Oct. 15, 1896 (by Rev. Samuel T. Shaw), James F. Campbell, Jr. of Wadena, Minn.; d. Medford, Ore., September 1928. 4 chn.
 - iv. Frances Barclay Felch, b. Lake Fremont, Minn., Sept. 26, 1876; d. Seattle, Wash., Aug. 11, 1944, bur. Riverton Crest Cemetery; m. Wadena, Minn., Mar. 19, 1900, Charles Alfred Snow, b. Apr. 15, 1872; d. August 1926. 5 chn.
7. James H. Felch, b. Limerick, Me., June 20, 1828; d. Chicago, Ill., Apr. 25, 1890; m. Jan. 12, 1871, Fannie M. Barclay. They had two sons who died in their youth. He was the author of a pamphlet, "Free Trade."
8. Sophronia Felch, b. New Limerick, Me., Oct. 25, 1830; d. Oakdale, Ia., July 25, 1870; m. Hall H. Bither, b. Linneus, Me., Aug. 9, 1836. He m2nd Mar. 28, 1870, his step-mother-in-law, Harriet (Ripley) Felch, b. Portland, Me., Dec. 26, 1818; d. LeRoy, Minn., Apr. 10, 1895. He m3rd Anna Forthun. Sophronia Felch and Hall Bither had:
 - i. Harry E. Bither, b. Livonia, Minn., Dec. 12, 1862; d. Oct. 9, 1865.
 - ii. Edwin H. Bither, b. Livonia, Minn., Mar. 8, 1864; m. Aug. 16, 1900, Inez Myers

- iii. Susie Ellen Bither, b. Livonia, Minn., Dec. 24, 1865; d. Waterloo, Ia., Apr. 16, 1938; m. Aug. 23, 1888, Chester Cadwallader.
- iv. William A. Bither, b. Livonia, Minn., Jan. 16, 1867; m. July 19, 1894, Lydia L. Penney.
- v. Sophronia H. Bither, b. Oakdale, Ia., July 20, 1870; d. Aug. 1, 1870.
- 9. Alpheus Frank Felch, b. New Limerick, Me., Mar. 25, 1833; d. Sept. 25, 1838.
- 10. Frank Alpheus Felch, b. New Limerick, Me., Aug. 2, 1836; d. Medford, Ore., May 17, 1916, unmarried.

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Family Records.

VII. ALPHEUS FELCH, b. Limerick, Me., Sept. 28, 1804; d. Ann Arbor, Mich., June 13, 1896; m. Sept. 14, 1837, Lucretia Lawrence, b. Dec. 31, 1817, Monroe, Mich.; d. Ann Arbor, Mich., July 30, 1882, both bur. Ann Arbor, Mich.

Alpheus Felch attended Phillips Exeter Academy and Bowdoin College, from which he graduated in 1827. In 1830 he was admitted to the bar at Bangor, Me. and then practised law at Houlton, Me. until 1833 when he departed for the southwest. His intention was to join a friend in Vicksburg, Miss., but on his arrival in Cincinnati, he was attacked by the cholera, and after recovering sufficiently to resume his journey, found the danger from that disease too great to permit a voyage down the river. Instead, he came to Monroe, Mich., where he practised his profession until 1843, when he removed to Ann Arbor.

In 1835 he was elected a member of the State Legislature, and served in 1836 and 1837 also. In 1838 he was appointed a Bank Commissioner; in 1842 he became Auditor General and a few weeks later was commissioned a Judge of the Supreme Court. In 1845 he was elected Governor of Michigan, and in 1847, U.S. Senator from this state. In 1853 he was appointed by Pres. Pierce, one of the Commissioners to settle the Spanish and Mexican land claims in California.

In 1873 he withdrew from the active practice of the law, and, with the exception of a tour in Europe in 1875, he led a life of retirement at his home in Ann Arbor until his death.

Alpheus Felch and Lucretia Lawrence had eight children:

1. Caroline O. Felch, b. Oct. 25, 1838; d. Feb. 28, 1921; m. Judge Claudius B. Grant, b. Oct. 22, 1828; d. Dec. 1, 1925, both bur. Ann Arbor, Mich. They had 4 children:
 - i. Helen Grant.
 - ii. Emma Grant.
 - iii. Virginia Grant.
 - iv. (daughter).
2. Elizabeth H. Felch, b. Mar. 20, 1841; m. Nelson B. Cole, a merchant.
3. Emma L. Felch, b. Mar. 21, 1843; d. Dec. 20, 1874; m. Horace V. Knight, b. Feb. 26, 1842; d. Aug. 19, 1867, both bur. Ann Arbor, Mich.
4. Arthur Willis Felch, b. Feb. 15, 1844; d. July 17, 1846, bur. Ann Arbor, Mich.
5. Theodore A. Felch, b. Mar. 30, 1847; m. Hattie C. Ege. He was a physician in Ishpeming, Mich. They had one daughter:
 - i. Anna Felch, m. J. Ellzey Hayden. Two children.
6. Florence C. Felch, b. Jan. 9, 1852; d. Oct. 31, 1862, bur. Ann Arbor, Mich.
7. Francis L. Felch, b. Jan. 3, 1854; d. Jan. 7, 1913, bur. Ann Arbor, Mich. He was a banker in Sandusky, Ohio.
8. Helen L. Felch, b. Feb. 6, 1858; m. Dr. Charles Godwin Jennings, of Detroit.
 - i. Alpheus Felch Jennings, m. Catherine Anderson. Three sons.

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THE WILL OF JOHN SEARLE OF SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

Contributed by

Olive M. Searle of Westfield, Mass. and Frederick C. Warner of North Amherst, Mass.

The first death recorded in Springfield, Mass. was that of John-1 Searle "buried 7 mo. 6d. 1641." Speaking with reference to this event at the Searle family reunion on Aug. 17, 1881, the Rev. Henry L. Edwards said, "The deceased had made his will three months before, and may have been in feeble health. His widow married in April, the next spring, Alexander Edwards, (having, however, taken the womanly precaution, eight days before, to probate the will)." Obviously at that time the will was available to the student of genealogy.

In his "Springfield Families" (copied 1934-5 by Mercy Warren Chapter DAR, Springfield, Mass.), Mr. Thomas B. Warren locates John-1 Searle's will "in the Pyncheon mag Bk," but a careful examination in recent years of the only Pyncheon Magistrate's Book now held in Springfield reveals no such will. A footnote in "One Branch of the Booth Family and Allied Families," by Charles Edwin Booth, 1910, page 15, reads: "Pyncheon Magistrate Book (including a copy of John Searle's will) was sold (after 1898) and is now supposed to be in the private library of some collector near Boston." Mr. Booth states further that in the will, John Searle called Wm. Warrinner, also of Springfield, his brother. As a result descendants in both families have been deeply interested in finding the will.

Now, finally at long last, not only the will of John-1 Searle but also an inventory of his estate and the marriage agreement of his widow have been found through the efforts of Mr. Walter Corbin, professional genealogist of Florence, Mass., employed by Mr. Frederick C. Warner. Copies of these documents, endorsed "What was in the Old Pyncheon Magistrates Book," were located among the papers of the late Mr. Harry A. Wright, author of "The Genesis of Springfield" and of the four volume "History of Western Hampden County."

Though Mr. Corbin rightly points out that the following is but "a copy of a copy of a copy" made over three hundred years ago, and though the will copy is not dated, the notes made by Mr. Wright make it certain that he had seen the Pyncheon Magistrates Book, and surely the autographs of the witnesses and the close correspondence of the terms of the marriage contract with the provisions of the will leave little reason to doubt that this is an authentic copy of the will of John-1 Searle.

John Searle's Will

I John Searles beinge very sicke in body doe make my last will & Testament in manner & fourme followinge

first I give to my brother in law William Warrener my beste coate & my cullord hatt: & whereas in some reckinges betwixt him and me he owes me betwixt three and fower poundes: if he pay fortie shillinges thereof I am content that all the rest shall be remitted: the rest of my estate I divide betwixt my wife & my child equally: & I doe appoint that my wife shall have for her use till my child come of the age of 20 yeares that portion belonginge to my Sonn John Searles in consideration of his maintenance & education Provided that before she marry again she shall give or in her behalf cause to be given sufficient security for the payment of my childes portion wch security shall be given to Mr. Moxon my brother Tymothy Bawldwin & Samuell Wright whom I doe intreat to be overseers for the performance of this my last will:

Witnesses hereof
Henry Smyth
Elitzur Holioake

Mr. Wright's notes: The signatures of the witnesses are autographs.
The only child of John Searle was John Searle, Jr.
William Warriner married Joanna Searle, sister of John Searle.
Tymothy Baldwin, brother in law of John Searle
John Searle married Sarah Baldwin

A Coppy of the Inventory of the Goodes & Chattayles of the late
John Searles taken the 8 Feb: 1641/42

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3 small pigges at		0. 4. 6
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1 hogg in Salt & 2 flitches of bacon		5. 0. 0
2 casks at 6s; tubb at 4s & other small thinges at 3s		0.13. 0
4 blankets a rugg a coverlit a bed & boulster of floxes & bedsted		6. 0. 0
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20 y. dowlasse		1.10. 0
linninn sheetes & shurtes 7c		4. 2. 6
a black hatt		0. 2. 6
pewter		1. 5. 6
a pair gloves & a brish		0. 2. 0
4 traies		0. 4. 6
toolles & iron thinges		3. 4. 0
iron pottes & other thinges		1. 1. 4
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peeses powder & shott		3. 1. 0
brasse kettles & skilletes	(4)	17. 0. 0
a wheelbarrow		0. 5. 0
a canoe lock & chaine		1. 2. 0
sackes pease & other thinges		1.15. 4
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Notes: (c) "Rockes" or stones were valuable property in a country so almost absolutely devoid of stones that cellars were "Planked" and chimneys were made on wooden framework "daubed" inside and out with clay.

(d) In the margin enclosed on a curved line, Cancelled: viz. such dividents as were given whiles she was a widow.

Marriage agreement of the widow Searle and Alexander Edwards

Aprill 20 1642 Know all men that where as there is a marriage shortly intended betwene the widow Searles & Alexander Edwardes both of Springfield in the presence & with the full consent of the said Alexander Edwardes doth accordinge to the last will and testament of John Searles deceased assigns & set over her howse & howse lottes & all other dividents of land with all other moveables before mentioned in the Inventory or the value of them to George Moxon pastor of Springfield Tynothy Baldwin of Milford & Samuel Wright of Springfield for security of fifty poundes to be paid to the sonn of John searles called John Searles at the age of twenty yeares as is expressed in the will of his father deceased: & in case the widdow Sarra Searles(f) shall die before the said legacy be paid to the said child or the overseeres thereof above mentioned then the said Alexander Edwardes doth bynd himself in the sume of one hundred poundes to see the said legacy preferred to the said(g) overseers above named: who have power accordinge to the said(e) last will to take care of securinge the said legacy to the orphan & in case the said Alexander Edwardes doe not give sufficient security for the said legacy(h) to the said overseers then they shall have power to tenter the said house & land or to distraine other goodes of the said Alexander Edwardes(i) to the full

value of the legacy in behalf of the said orphan: and the said widdow Searles being Present(j) before me William Pyncheon at the wrightings hereof doth acknowledge that this wch is expressed in wrightings is according to her mind and the meaning & that she is fully consentinge to what is above expressed: and the said Alexander Edwardes being also present doth acknowledge that he is fully consenting in all that is above expressed: & George Moxon & Samell Wright are also present & doe consent to accept of said security & doe also testifie that Tymothy Baldwine of Milferd doth fully repose his trust in them so farr and doth fully consent to accept of the security they doe allow of for the security of the said legacy for the said orphan: & upon this their mutuall consent I have given them leave & liberty to proceed in Marriage when they please:

- Notes: (e) One word erased, illegible
 (f) Sarah Searles was her name so this is probably Sarra.
 (g) Break in leaf but apparently an erasure, illegible
 (h) One word cancelled, illegible
 (i) The preceding five words cancelled, illegible. There is also a break in the page.
 (j) Catch word, bott. 20v.

Now whatever small doubt remained that the Sarah Baldwin who married John Searle was the sister of Timothy, Nathaniel and Joseph Baldwin of Milford, Conn. has been changed to certainty since in his will John Searle refers to Timothy as "brother", while the inventory mentions the debt of the "breatheren milford" and the marriage contract further identifies Timothy as of Milford. (See also DSCR Magazine, Vol. XV., p. 8, October 1950.)

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CLARK FAMILY BIBLE RECORD Contributed by William B. Murray, Peoria, Illinois

Zadok Clark Born in Vermont Nov. 8, 1802
 Pollie Clark " " " Jan. 9, 1809

Nancy A. Clark	born in Vt.	July 4, 1828	Truman C. Clark	born in Ill.	Nov. 7, 1840
Norman A. "	" " "	July 1, 1830	Nelson A. "	" " "	June 8, 1842
Charles A. "	" " "	Oct. 11, 1834	Silas W. "	" " "	Apr. 15, 1844
Harriet M. "	" " "	Mar. 14, 1834	Alma E. "	" " "	May 8, 1846
Mary A. "	" " "	July 11, 1839	Zenas E. "	" " "	Oct. 24, 1848

This family moved from Milton, Vermont to Harvard, Illinois

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A CARRIER BIBLE RECORD Contributed by Russell E. Bidlack, Ann Arbor, Michigan

This Bible, title page missing, but an edition of 1779, is in the General Library at the University of Michigan, a gift to the University from Mr. W. C. Hollands. Evidently a sheet of ruled paper was pasted into the Bible following the page of genealogy, but was later torn out, perhaps when the University rebound the book in 1917. The following record is written on the page preceding Matthew:

Jere Carrier	born	25th March	1789
Abbey A. Carrier		15th August	1789
Jere Carrier and Abbey A. Potter	married	3rd May	1815
Albert Carrier	born	15th Decemb.	1816
Augutz Carrier		5 Feby	1818
Sarah B. Carrier		14th Oct.	1819
Helen Carrier		1st Sept.	1821
Augustus Carrier and Fanny M. Ainsworth	married	May 28th 18th (sic)	1838
			Died 14 Apr. 1874

ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS OF SOLOMON SIBLEY
OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN
Contributed by Beulah Puffer Kresge
Continued from Winter, 1955

Sixth Generation

8. JUDGE SOLOMON SIBLEY (Reuben 5, Jonathan 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1) was born in the Town of Sutton, Worcester Co., Mass., Oct. 7, 1769; d. Detroit, Mich., April 4, 1846; mar. at Marietta, Ohio, Oct. 31, 1802, Sarah Whipple Sproat, b. Providence, R.I., Jan. 28, 1782; d. Detroit, Mich., Jan. 22, 1851, dau. of Col. Ebenezer and Catherine Whipple Sproat of Marietta.

In the numerous accounts of the life of Solomon Sibley, nothing has been said concerning his boyhood which doubtless was spent on his father's farm in the Town of Sutton, where he was born in a house still standing in 1878. Since he was the second son in the family, it is presumed that he and his elder brother, Reuben, helped their father with the usual tasks connected with a farm and attended one of the district schools, of which there were fourteen in the Town of Sutton in 1773. It would be interesting to know how Solomon Sibley and his brothers and sisters spent their time, when their father was away serving in the Revolutionary War, but of this there is no record either.

At the age of twenty four years, Solomon Sibley graduated from Rhode Island College (changed in 1804 to Brown University) with an A.B. degree. After studying law for the required length of time, under Attorney William Hastings of Boston, he was admitted to the bar in 1797 at the March term of the Superior Court, held at Providence, R.I. He received a letter of introduction from David Howell, Professor of Jurisprudence at Rhode Island College 1790-1824, which stated that Solomon Sibley was "a young gentleman of fair & unblemished character" and recommended him "to the friendly notice & patronage of all good men wherever circumstances may cast his lot." (This letter and those following are preserved in the Sibley Papers now on deposit at the Burton Historical Collection.)

Evidently Mr. Sibley was uncertain as to where he should settle. Among his papers there is a letter of introduction, dated May 1, 1797, written by Col. Philip Amnidon, of Mendon, Mass. to his brother, Jacob Amnidon of Chesterfield, N.H., in which he says, "he has it in contemplation to establish himself in your state." Sometime after this date, probably during the summer he decided to emigrate to the Ohio country. No doubt he had heard glowing accounts of the first settlement there at Marietta in 1788, since Gen. Rufus Putnam, also a native of Sutton, Mass., was a prominent citizen and also Superintendent of the Ohio colony. On Sept. 9, 1797 the young lawyer made application at a Court of Common Pleas held at Marietta, O., to be admitted as an Attorney at Law, producing a License and Certificate from one of the Judges of the Territory. A certificate of admission was granted by Benjamin Ives Gilman, Prothonotary, which admitted him "to plead in C. Washington Territory of the United States northwest of the River Ohio." By November 2, 1797, Attorney Sibley had located at Charles Town, Brook County, Va., as indicated by letters to him from friends and relatives in Massachusetts. (Charles Town on the Ohio River was the earlier name of Wellsburg, now in West Virginia.)

Another prospective location was Cincinnati and young Sibley may have carried there a letter of introduction, written by Zenas Kimberly of Warren, Jefferson Co., Ohio, which county lies across the Ohio from Brook Co., W.Va. This letter was to John Cano, Esquire, Prothonotary of Hamilton County, and read as follows:

"Sir: The bearer Mr. Sibley comes to your place possessing the particular friendship of Judge Gilman - Amongst people who are acquainted with the Judge's knowledge of men and manners, it will be thot that Mr. Sibley can scarcely need further recommendation than the circumstances of his being patronized by him. I have nevertheless requested him to take this line which is meant only to say - 'this is Major Cano' and 'this is Mr. Sibley.'

Yr sincere friend & Obt. Servt.
Zenas Kimberly"

A letter written by Judge Gilman at Marietta in February 18, 1798 gives evidence that Sibley was contemplating a return to New England with the Judge's father. Judge Gilman wrote,

"I hope you will not go as I think you will find a good opening in this & the adjacent counties," and continued with his reasons for thinking so. But apparently it was the advice of Judge Return Jonathan Meigs, contained in a letter dated at Cincinnati, April 9, 1798, which helped to determine the future career of Solomon Sibley. The letter read as follows:

"Sir

Agreeable to your desire, I promised to give you information respecting the prospects of Law Business at Detroit - By the Attorneys here I find that there is very considerable Business in the Courts at Detroit - & but one Lawyer there - and the Inhabitants stand much in need of one - & by every inquiry think you must succeed well if you go there - there is now four writs of Error in the General Court from Detroit - The General Court here has sat 2 weeks & will not finish in less than a week more....I expect to start for Detroit with Judge Gilman in about 3 weeks - I am confident that if you go to Detroit before any other Atty settles there you will realize Success..." (In those early days it was customary for members of the bar to attend sessions of the General Court held at Marietta, Cincinnati and Detroit.)

Soon after the date of the above letter, written in April or May, 1798, Mr. Sibley started on his journey to Detroit, which he describes in a letter of Aug. 7th to a friend in Charles Town, as follows:

"... The first day I left Charles Town, I had the fortune to founder my horse. In consequence was obliged to make an exchange - you will not imagine that it proved much to my advantage... I arrived at Presque Isle on the 7th day after my departure from C. No vessel being at Presque Isle to sail for Detroit, embarked on board for Fort Erie, directly the reverse of my place of destination whence I sailed to this place after being ten days on the Lake, made good my landing - Shall remain here for the present - The Town of Detroit is situated on the straights connecting lake St. Clair & lake Erie - eighteen miles from the latter - at the town of Detroit makes but an indifferent appearance being built without taste or elegance, yet there is something in its appearance exceedingly pleasing as you approach it - The country on both sides of the straights as you sail the river is exceedingly beautiful - Equaling any prospect I ever beheld - being one extended Village for the distance of 30 miles... Many persons had affirmed this country unhealthy a charge wholly unfounded - The Physician of the Garrison informs me that during the time of the American troops have occupied this post, not one man of them has died of sickness...

"I have in contemplation to visit Marietta in the month of Oct. next - perhaps my rout will lead me thro' Charlestown. Law business in this Country is considerable. I have taken money enough since my arrival to bear my expenses..."

According to another letter of Mr. Sibley the population of Detroit at that time was "nine tenths frenchmen." For almost one hundred years previous to his arrival, there had been a settlement at Detroit, founded by Cadillac and a band of Frenchmen in 1701. In the year 1798 there was still no postal service in Detroit; mail was carried by hand to the nearest post office 300 miles distant. No newspapers were published in Detroit until 1809; the first permanent one was founded in 1817. It is not surprising that Mr. Sibley considered himself to be "almost out of civilization."

Solomon Sibley's parents were much alarmed when they learned that he had removed to Detroit as shown by a letter dated Aug. 28, 1798. But in less than a year's time his father expressed his satisfaction with his son's success in a letter. "Am extremely well pleased at your prosperity and hope it may continue through a well spent life dedicated to virtue and the welfare of your country." Again he wrote on Sept. 27, 1800, "Being impressed with a deep sense of the paternal obligation under which a parent is ever bound by a dutiful and filial child, I readily embrace the present opportunity under these anticipations to thank you for your filial attachment and to congratulate you upon your success in business..."

Attorney Sibley advanced rapidly in his chosen profession, and became one of the leading citizens of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan Territory. In January 1799, he was elected a member from Wayne County to the general assembly of the Northwest Territory. In this body, during the session of 1802, he was instrumental in securing the incorporation of Detroit as a town. He was a member of the first territorial legislature of the Northwest Territory and

Wayne County, which held its sessions in Cincinnati. In 1802, the electors of the new town of Detroit voted him the freedom of the corporation, in recognition of his services in behalf of the people of the territory. In 1806 he was appointed mayor of the city by Governor Hull; he was auditor of the territory, 1814-1817; United States District Attorney, 1815-1823; delegate to Congress from Michigan Territory, 1821-1823; and a Judge of the Supreme Court of Michigan Territory, 1823-1837.

Sarah Whipple Sproat was the daughter of Col. Ebenezer Sproat, a native of Middleborough, Mass. After the Revolutionary War, in which he served with distinction, Col. Sproat became a surveyor in Providence, R.I. There he met and married Catherine Whipple, daughter of Commodore Abraham Whipple. Col. Sproat and Commodore Whipple were leading members of the party of forty eight settlers from New England, who founded Marietta, Ohio in 1788.

In 1790 Sarah Sproat was sent by her parents to the Moravian School at Bethlehem, Pa. Three years later she was sent to Philadelphia for further education and at the age of sixteen years returned to Marietta with her father, bringing with her what was said to have been the first piano west of the Alleghany mountains.



When Solomon Sibley saw this portrait of himself made about 1822 by Chester Harding, he commented that he hoped he did not habitually look so "harsh and morose." Mrs. Sibley's likeness was probably painted either by Harding or by James Bowman. These photographic copies were made by Sylvester Lucas for the Burton Historical Collection from the originals now owned by Miss Frances Sibley.

The Sibley-Sproat marriage record, on file in the Western Reserve Library, Cleveland, listed under Washington County records, reads as follows: "Solomon Sibley and Sally Sproat, Oct. 31, 1802, by Daniel Story, Clk." Following the marriage, Solomon Sibley and his bride came to Detroit, riding on horseback, and thereafter Detroit was their home.

The year 1805 was a momentous one in the lives of Solomon and Sarah (Sproat) Sibley. Her father, Col. Sproat, died in February of that year and their first child was born in June in Marietta. During this same month of June their home in Detroit was destroyed by the fire that swept the entire village, leaving only one building standing. Mrs. Sibley's mother removed to her farm at Duck Creek, near Marietta after the death of her husband, and in 1819, following the death of her father, Abraham Whipple, she came to Detroit where she made her home with the Sibley family until her death in 1832 during the cholera epidemic.

After the fire of 1805, Solomon Sibley purchased a "very pretty French house" which stood on what was afterward the northeast corner of Jefferson Avenue and Randolph Street. Neither of these streets had been opened at that time. The lot was quite large extending along Jefferson Avenue nearly to Brush Street. (Recollections of Sarah Alexandrine Sibley from notes taken at her home by Mr. Clarence Burton, April 19, 1916.)

By the year 1828, Mr. Sibley owned considerable property, both in and near the city. His farm, which is said to have cornered at Adams and Woodward Avenues, was enclosed by a rail fence, extending along Woodward Avenue to the forest.

In the early 1820's, while Mr. Sibley was away as a Delegate to Congress in Washington, Mrs. Sibley was mistress of a large household, consisting of their seven children, whose ages ranged from two to seventeen years; her mother, Mrs. Catherine Sproat; Mr. Sibley's nephew, Sylvester Sibley; and Edmund Brush, for whom Mr. Sibley was guardian. She superintended the affairs of the farm, hiring men to drive teams, thresh wheat and draw wood from the forest. She sold the produce of the farm, consisting of hay, wheat and swine, and sent wheat to be ground into flour at Col. Stephen Mack's mill in Pontiac when the roads were in condition to be travelled. In spite of her cares, connected with the family and farm, with which her letters are chiefly concerned, she writes of the social activities of Detroit, as follows:

"Feb. 13, 1822. Frolicing is the order of the day, at present, in Detroit. There was a large party went out to the River Raisin and Fort Meigs last week, which prevented there being one in town, but I am told there are to be five or six private parties yet this season. There has been a strong talk of having one to Saginaw, but I think it will fall thro', the military gentlemen of that port think nothing of coming in here to the assemblies.

Feb. 28, 1822. There was a splendid ball given at the cantonment on the 22d, all the Malden gentry were invited, but the roads were so bad, that there were only 5 or 6 officers attended. I did not go. I have been to two parties this winter and that is quite enough for me when you are not here.

Jan. 8, 1823. Our winter amusements have commenced, there are to be assemblies once a fortnight. I attended the first with Sproat (eldest son) and Catherine (eldest daughter) on New Years eve... There was five or six British Officers & several of his Britannic Majesty's subjects, both male and female who attended. Captain and Mrs. McClosky give a great let off tomorrow night. We are all invited and shall probably attend."

Mostly however Mrs. Sibley's letters relate to family and friends. Among the latter were the Cass, Woodbridge, Abbott, Rowland, McKinstry, Palmer, Rmt and other families, all prominent in the early history of Detroit and Michigan.

The Sibley family occupied the house at Randolph Street and Jefferson Avenue until 1836 when a new home was built on Jefferson further east. This house still stands just east of Christ Church. The lot was 100 feet wide and extended down to Woodbridge Street. After Mr. Sibley's death in 1846, his widow sold the property as the family at that time was scattered with only one son remaining a resident of the city.

In his Bygones of Detroit, Hon. George C. Bates writes of the Sibley family on New Years Day, 1836 as follows: "Hon. Solomon Sibley, still a territorial judge, surrounded by his entire family - old Mrs. Sibley, then one of the largest, most joyous, happy old ladies of Detroit, always glad to see and make happy everybody. ...Old Judge Sibley was just then going into retirement, after a life of half a century, spent in the public service, and remained in quiet until death knocked and summoned him away."

Solomon Sibley died at his residence on Jefferson Avenue "lamented by a whole community." The funeral was held in the home on the afternoon of April 6th, 1846. The attendance was very large, composed especially of older citizens. His obituary further states that "for several years past he had given himself up to the enjoyments of a happy home, and there surrounded by friends, he has been gathered to his fathers, having as we hope, the testimony of a good conscience, at peace with God, and in charity with his fellowmen."

Sarah Whipple (Sproat) Sibley died Jan. 22, 1851; her funeral also was held at the

residence on Jefferson Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Sibley are buried with other members of their family on their lot in Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit, Mich.

Children of Solomon and Sarah Whipple (Sproat) Sibley, all born in Detroit so far as known, except the eldest:

9. i. Ebenezer Sproat Sibley, b. Marietta, Ohio, June 6, 1805.
- ii. Catherine Sibley, b. "towards the end of February, 1806," bp. St. Anne's Church July 25, 1808; d. Detroit, July 26, 1808; bur. St. Anne's Church.
- iii. Catherine Whipple Sibley, b. Feb. 27, 1809; m. Charles C. Trowbridge. For history of this family see *ISGR Magazine*, October 1938 to July 1939.
10. iv. Henry Hastings Sibley, b. Feb. 20, 1811.
11. v. Mary S. Sibley, b. 1813.
12. vi. Augusta Ann Sibley, b. 1815.
13. vii. Alexander Hamilton Sibley, b. Oct. 17, 1817.
14. viii. Sarah Alexandrine Sibley, b. July 25, 1820.
15. ix. Frederick Baker Sibley, b. Sept. 23, 1824.

Seventh Generation

9. COL. EBENEZER SPROAT SIBLEY (Solomon 6, Reuben 5, Jonathan 4, Joseph 3, Joseph 2, John 1) was born in Marietta, Ohio, June 6, 1805; died Detroit, Mich., Aug. 13, 1884; mar. 1st, Detroit, Mich., May 31, 1831, Harriet Larned Hunt, b. Pittsfield, Mass., Aug. 1811; d. Detroit, Apr. 22, 1835; orphan daughter of Judge John and Martha Bull (Larned) Hunt of Detroit and niece of Gen. Charles Larned of Detroit. He married 2nd at Savannah, Ga., March 23, 1843, Maria H. Cuyler, daughter of Judge Jeremiah LaTouche and Margaret Elizabeth (Clarendon) of Savannah; she died Dec. 2, 1845 at Savannah. He married 3rd at Rochester, N.Y., April 12, 1851, Charlotte Hart Saxton, b. Rochester, Feb. 14, 1825; bap. St. Luke's Church, Rochester, N.Y., Jan. 14, 1826; d. Rochester, N.Y. at the home of her mother, Feb. 14, 1857. She was the daughter of Seth and Clarissa (Kellogg) Saxton. Col. Sibley married 4th, at Savannah, Ga., Nov. 26, 1859, Elizabeth Margaret (Cuyler) Churchill, b. Savannah, Ga., Mar. 1, 1823; d. Dresden, Germany, Jan. 2, 1889; daughter of Richard Randolph Cuyler and Mississippi Gordon and niece of his second wife, Maria H. Cuyler. She was probably the widow of Capt. William Hunter Churchill, whom she married in 1844. Capt. Churchill died in 1847 at Point Isabel, Texas.

Ebenezer Sproat Sibley was brought to Detroit from Marietta, Ohio, on horseback by his parents when six months of age, in the autumn of 1805. On the journey his mother broke the ice every morning to give him a cold dip. (Obit. Aug. 14, 1884). He was seven years of age when the siege of Detroit occurred and remembered it well. A cannon ball, fired by the enemy, crashed into the room adjoining the one occupied by his mother and himself, killing two American officers, one of whom was Lieut. Sibley, his father's cousin.

In his 18th year Sproat Sibley (as his mother called him in correspondence with his father, then in Washington, D.C.), on Nov. 29, 1822, met with a serious accident. With his cousin, Sylvester Sibley, he went after a load of wood, presumably to the forest on their land, not far above the present Grand Circus Park, in Detroit. Sproat was trimming a sapling which was bent under a large tree, they had previously cut down. When cut about two-thirds through it broke and struck him in the face, breaking his nose. Although he was knocked down by the blow, he retained his senses, got into the wagon with Sylvester's assistance and was driven home as quickly as possible. Two weeks later on Dec. 15, 1822, in a letter to her husband, Mrs. Sibley gave an account of the accident, part of which follows: "Doctor McCoskry replaced the bones that were broken and he is rapidly recovering and I do not think his appearance will be much injured. He has not been out yet, but the Doctor says in three or four days he may go out. You may suppose that I was very much frightened. I however exerted all the fortitude I possessed and held his head while the Doctor examined and dressed the hurt."

By Jan. 8, 1823, Sproat and Sylvester were again busily engaged in drawing wood and hay from the farm, but his mother was "in constant dread" when he was out in the woods. On the same date Sproat and Edmund (Brush) commenced attending the French school, held three evenings a week. (Edmund Brush, son of Elijah Brush, deceased in 1814, was a member of the Sibley household.) Later on, Sproat studied mathematics and writing under William Brookfield. At the

same time his cousin Sylvester, studied surveying and in 1828 he was City Surveyor of Detroit.

But it was not all work and no play, for these young men frequently attended parties and balls held in Detroit and elsewhere during this winter of 1823. In the month of January, they attended a party given by Major Biddle and a ball "over the river" given by Alexander McKee, where they danced until sunrise. Sproat was "half crazy" to go to Pontiac to attend a grand ball given at Stanhards, but had no conveyance.

Ebenezer Sproat Sibley, with the approval of his parents, entered West Point Military Academy in 1823 and graduated at the head of his class in 1827. Not a single demerit mark was received by him during his entire course. Henceforth his life was to be closely connected with the United States Army for many years.

Col. Sibley's military career included service in the Florida war, the Black Hawk and the Patriot wars. In the latter he was in immediate command of the troops under Gen. Brady. He constructed the Chicago Road from Detroit to Chicago and was Lieutenant on Engineering Duty in 1835 when contracts were given for opening the road leading from Detroit to Pontiac. He served on Gen. Taylor's staff as Asst. Quartermaster during the Mexican War and was brevetted Major, Feb. 23, 1847 for gallant and meritorious conduct at Buena Vista. In 1851 ordered to New Mexico, he established in that territory the military post known as Fort Union. He was on duty at Fort Leavenworth from 1854 to 1858 or 1859 and sent from there to Washington, D.C. where he was made Assistant Quartermaster General under Gen. Jessup and brevetted Lieutenant Colonel May 6, 1861 and Colonel, June 12, 1861. On account of ill health, he resigned his commission April 15, 1864, having spent, including his course at the Military Academy, over forty years in the service of the United States.

From 1864 to 1869, Col. Sibley was engaged in the mining business in New York. Thereafter he lived in Detroit for four years, in Europe from 1873 to 1880, and then again in Detroit for the remainder of his days.

Col. Sibley was a member of the Order of the Cincinnati and the Michigan Historical Society. He was associated for many years with St. Paul's and Grace Episcopal Churches. He died at his residence, 168 Congress St. East. Funeral services were held in Christ Church Chapel, Aug. 15, 1884, with burial in Elmwood Cemetery.

Children of Ebenezer Sproat and Harriet Larned (Hunt) Sibley:

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| 1. Harriet Hunt Sibley, | b. Detroit, April 1834; d. Detroit, Aug. 1, 1835. |
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Children of Ebenezer Sproat and Charlotte Hart (Saxton) Sibley:

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| 16. ii. Frederick Trowbridge Sibley, | b. Fort Union, N. M., March 15, 1852. |
| 17. iii. Henry Saxton Sibley, | b. Fort Union, N.M., June 6, 1853. |
| iv. Charlotte Hunter Sibley, | b. 1856; d. Rochester, N.Y., May 2, 1857, ae. 8 mo. |

Children of Ebenezer Sproat and Elizabeth Margaret (Cuyler) Sibley:

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| v. Katherine Whipple Sibley, | b. Detroit, Mich., April 1, 1863; unm.; decd. |
| vi. Alexandrine Hamilton Sibley, | b. Astoria, L. I., N.Y., Oct. 6, 1864; unm.; decd. |

To be continued

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IN MEMORY:- Edna Garratt, daughter of Charles Wesley Garratt, was born in 1891 in Detroit, Mich. She died Nov. 28, 1955, survived by her husband, Dr. Zina Bennett and two children, Barbara Hammond and Rev. Zina Bennett, Jr., and four Hammond grandchildren. Mrs. Bennett was Vice-President of the Women's Research Club, a member of the Clio Club and the DSGR. Other organizations claiming her devoted service were the Salvation Army, the Eastern Star, and the Central Methodist Church, where she was known for her kindness and friendliness.

INSCRIPTIONS FROM CEMETERIES AT ATHENS, VERMONT
Contributed by Mrs. Harold H. Cady and Miss Olive M. Searle

OLD ATHENS CEMETERY

To reach this cemetery take the Athens-Townshend road from Cambridgeport, Vt., then about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles beyond Brookline road, take upper Townshend road on right, going by a farmhouse on right with barns on left. A short distance beyond watch for a white gate right. Leave car and walk up hill on a wood road in a pasture about $1/3$ mile. The cemetery is enclosed by a stone wall with another white gate.

(Starting at right of gate, and going toward the further side.)

DAVIS	WAYLAND S., 1861-1931
"	FLORA O., "His wife", 1890-
OAKS	EBENEZER, d. July 11, 1864, aged 70 yrs. 3 mos. (Flag on grave)
"	BETSEY FARRINGTON, wife of Ebenezer Oaks, d. Aug. 20, 1866, AE 89 yrs.
BROWN	SARAH OAKES, wife of James Brown, b. Dec. 25, 1832, d. Feb. 23, 1918.
REDFIELD	JOEL C., "father", May 18, 1824 - Dec. 13, 1892.
"	LUCY K. RICHMOND, his wife, "mother", Feb. 27, 1825 - Feb. 2, 1894.
BEMIS	NIAL, b. July 9, 1818, d. Feb. 7, 1890.
"	SUSAN, wife of Nial Bemis, d. Mar. 9, 1862, AE 41 yrs. 7 mos. (1?) 2 days.
"	SERENO E., son of Nial and Susan Bemis, d. Nov. 25, 1867, AE 17 yrs. 2 mos. 3 days.
"	MARY J., wife of Nial Bemis, b. Oct. 22, 1841, d. Nov. 9, 1887.
"	FREDDIE E., son of N. & M. J. Bemis, d. May 22, 1864, AE 21 days.
"	GIDEON A., son of N. & M. J. Bemis, d. Feb. 12, 1866, AE 8 yrs. 9 mos. 12 days.
"	ELLA, dau. of N. & M. J. Bemis, d. Mar. 19, 1874, AE 16 days.
MARTIN	(Monument) HENRY E., d. Aug. 27, 1887, AE 25 yrs. 10 mos. 13 days.
"	HENRY (and) STELLA (no dates)
"	STELLA HOLDEN, Feb. 17, 1867 - June 30, 1937.
THOMAS	ALONZO H., Mar. 20, 1822 - June 20, 1914.
"	JERUSHA H. PHELPS, his wife, Nov. 4, 1829 - Nov. 30, 1893.
	(Two stones weathered beyond reading)
CHAFFEE	EDMOND, son of Eber and Anna Chaffee, d. July 5, 1834, AE 5 mos.
OBER	SAMUEL, b. 1808; d. 1892.
"	ZERVIAH CHAFFEE, wife of Samuel Ober, d. Feb. 7, 1855, AE 45.
"	Infant at right, d. Apr. 20, 1839.
"	SERENO S., son of Samuel & Zerviah Ober, d. Nov. 6, 1866, AE 19 yrs. 4 mos. 29 days.
STILES	ELIZA ANN, dau. of H. & A. Stiles, d. Nov. 30, 1839, AE 4 yrs.
	(Lot with six marble posts, one marked "by a son".)
BAYLEY	JAMES S., d. Jan. 5, 1832, AE 51.
"	MERCY, wife of James Bayley, d. May 14, 1832, AE 49.
PRIEST	JONATHAN, d. May 31, 1836, aged 85 yrs. (Buried on the other side of James Bayley.)
MOREHOUSE	Baby, Jan. 24, 1902 - Feb. 3, 1902.
	(Marble base, stone gone, but grave marked by two flags.)
BAYLEY	ETHESTAN, d. April 29, 1879, AE 89 yrs. 9 mos. 7 days.
"	MISS ANNA, d. Feb. 7, 1877, AE 84 yrs. 3 mos. 27 days.
	(Same lot, "Our Mother", no date; in lower righthand corner of stone, in small letters, "G. Wilson, Factory Point, Vt."; and probably a footstone in the same marble marked, "S.B.W., May 18, 1860, 78 yrs.")
"	SAMUEL, d. July 3, 1827, AE 85 yrs.
"	THANKFUL, wife of Samuel Bayley, d. Mar. 13, 1830, AE 74 yrs.
"	SAMUEL, JR., d. at Sacket's Harbour, Apr. 19, 1815, in the 31st year of his age.
	(The two Jonathans following are on the same stone with Samuel Bayley, Jr.)
"	JONATHAN, d. June 10, 1795, in the 9th year of his age.) Sons of Samuel &
"	JONATHAN, d. Mar. 14, 1802, in the 5th year of his age.) Thankful Bayley.
THAYER	CLURA, son of Zephaniah & Polley, d. Mar. 30, 1801, in the 7th year of his age.
"	Infant, d. May 2, 1790, aged 18 days.
"	ELECTA, dau. of Zephaniah & Polley, d. Mar. 28, 1805, aged 1 yr. 9 mos. 18 days.
"	DR. ZEPHANIAH, d. Apr. 19, 1809, in the 49th year of his age.
WHITNEY	E. H., d. Mar. 20, 1820, in the 22d year of his age. (Stone broken in three parts.)
"	EMILY, dau. of T. H. & Abigail Whitney, d. Feb. 11, 1819, in the 5 year of her age.

- ALEXANDER SOPHY, dau. of Thad's & Mary, d. Nov. 13th, 1807, in the 11th year of her age.
 " THAD'S ESQ., d. Aug. 15, 1846, AE 80.
 " POLLY, wife of T. Alexander, d. Feb. 11, 1844, AE 74.
 " JOEL, d. Oct. 2, 1844, AE 34.
 " ALBERT L., (Small stone), son of A. A. & C. W., AE 1 year.
 EVANS ROSWELL, d. Aug. 27, 1837, AE 66 yrs.
 " JERUSHA, wife of Roswell, d. May 18, 1856, AE 83 yrs.
 CHAFFEE LYMAN, son of Alfred and Hannah, who died Aug. 25th 1800, aged 1 yr. & 12 days,
 " "plus three infants, two on the left hand, and one on the right. These
 " died without a name."
 " RUFUS, d. Apr. 12, 1857, AE 88.
 PORTER GEO., d. July 11, 1844, AE 85 yrs. & 6 mos.
 " EXPERIENCE, wife of Mr. George Porter, who d. Feb. 16th 1795, in the 27th year of
 " her age.
 " TISDALE, son of George & Susannah, d. June 12th 1803, in the 3rd year of his age.
 " SUSANNAH, wife of George, d. July 17, 1861, AE 84 yrs. & 6 mos.
 ALEXANDER LYMAN, b. May 22, 1799; d. June 26, 1885.
 " MARIA CHAMBERLAIN, wife of L. Alexander, b. Jan. 18, 1803; d. Aug. 8, 1873.
 PORTER (The following two names on one stone)
 " JOSHUA, d. Dec. 17, 1818, in the 64th year of his age.
 " MRS. HANNAH, d. June 25, 1828, in the 68th year of her age.
 " JOSHUA, d. Aug. 26, 1806, aged 76 years & 6 mos.
 " PHEBE, relic of Mr. Joshua, who died Aug. 11, 1808, aged 74 yrs. 2 mos.
 MATTOON SYLVANUS Jr., d. May 6th 1797, in the 11th year of his age, son of Sylvanus.
 RICHMOND REUBEN, d. April 15, 1830, in the 33rd year of his age; also
 " Infant on the left hand.
 " AMAZIAH, d. Dec. 30, 1843, AE 82.
 " HENRY W., son of Warren & Roxana, d. Dec. 21, aged 15 days.
 " EREAZER & SARAH (on one stone), who d. July 7th 1810, aged 3 yrs. & 18 days.
 " GEORGE, son of Amaziah & Sarah, who d. Aug. 15th 1796, AE 3 yrs. 11 mos. 6 days.
 " (On right of Center path, but on second hill.)
 CHAFFEE CHARLES, d. Apr. 30, 1823, aged 56 yrs.
 EVANS SIMEON, Sept. 2, 1830, in the 48th year of his age.
 " (and on the same stone, the following "two infants")
 " SARAH, d. 1818.
 " SARAH A., d. 1819, aged 3 mos.
 " SARAH, consort of Mr. Simeon, d. Jan. 13, 1810, aged 61 yrs. 7 mos. 27 days.
 TINKHAM JEREMIAH, d. Dec. 25th 1812, in the 73rd year of his age.
 " (At bottom of stone a picture of a coffin with initials "J. T.")
 " ZERVIAH, d. Aug. 17th 1815, in the 75th year of her age.
 " (At the bottom of stone a picture of a coffin with the initials "Z. T.")
 " BENJAMIN, d. July 20th 1827, AE 41 yrs. 11 mos. 4 days.
 WILLARD ARMILLA C., wife of Nathan, d. May 7, 1864, AE 78.
 " NATHAN (Stone gone from next grave, but foot-stone marked "N. W.")
 CHAFFEE CAPT. EZRA, d. July 16, 1815, in the 73rd year of his age.
 " MRS. JERUSHA, d. Dec. 15, 1822, in the 81st year of her age, "Relict of Capt. Ezra".
 " SUSAN, wife of Rufus, Jr., d. Sept. 21(?), 1833, in the 26th year of her age.
 " SUSAN M., dau. of Rufus & Susan, d. Sept. 29, 1833, AE. 2 mos. 20 days.
 " (The three graves following are enclosed in an iron fence.)
 DAVIS MICAH ESQ., d. May 26, 1849, AE 56 yrs., "Erected by M. W. Davis."
 " ABIGAIL, wife of Micah, d. Jan. 15, 1871, AE 75 yrs.
 " ABBY, wife of A. R. Balch, d. June 1, 1851, AE 28.
 " (Stone by R. F. Manley, Grafton, Vt.)
 " ELIJAH, d. July 2, 1849, AE 66 yrs. (American flag on grave)
 " MARY, wife of Capt. Elijah, d. Nov. 9, 1833, aged 51 yrs.
 IELAND HENRY S., d. Nov. 4, 1864, AE 21 yrs. "A member of the IV Battery." (G.A.R. marker)
 " ANGIE M., wife of Henry S., d. Jan. 20, 1866, AE 23 yrs.
 BALCH SAMUEL, d. Feb. 11, 1816, in the 77th year.
 " SUSANNA, d. Mar. 31st 1821, in the 78th year of her age, wife of Samuel.
 " OMAR H., son of Nathaniel & Sally, died July 2, 1831, aged 3 yrs. 5 mos.
 EASTMAN SARAH C., wife of Rev. Hubbard, and dau. of Nath'l & Sally, d. Nov. 26, 1841, age 32.

- COLBURN THADDEUS, d. Nov. 23, 1838, aged 73 yrs.
 " ZERVIAH, widow of Thaddeus, d. Feb. 15, 1858, AE 97 yrs. 6 mos. & 9 days.
 " OREN, d. July 6, 1822, AE 31 yrs.
 (The following names on the same stone)
 " WILLIAM R., son of Oren & Phebe, d. Sept. 13, 1818, AE 5 mos.
 " NANCY, b. Apr. 4, 1816; d. Oct. 24, 1897.
 " MARIETTA, d. Dec. 8, 1901, AE 82 yrs.
 (Starting at gate on left side of cemetery.)
- PRATT CHARLES MELLEN, 1884 - 1934.
 " GEORGE CHARLES, 1922 - 1922.
 " G. C., son of C. M. Pratt, d. Sept. 25, 1922.
- BALL ABRAHAM E., 1811 - 1890.
 " ELVIRA HOLDEN, wife of A. E. Ball, 1804 - 1870.
 " ABBIE E., 1841 - 1866.
 (The next six names are on stones in a fenced lot)
- STILES GIDEON O., "Here rest the remains of Gideon O. Stiles, a member of I Vt. Battery,
 Died at Baton Rouge, La., Aug. 4, 1864, age 21."
 " GIDEON, his father, d. and was buried at St. Louis, Mo., July 3, 1850, AE 29.
- DAVIS AMOS, ESQ., d. July 7, 1860, AE 59.
 " ELIZA CHAFFEE, his wife, d. Mar. 7, 1861, AE 77.
 " LORENZO A., d. Nov. 24, 1874, AE 52, "buried in Helena, Ark."
 " SOLON E., d. Oct. 10, 1864, AE 27.
- HALL RICHARD, d. Dec. 24, 1875, AE 84 yrs.
 " BETSEY ALLEN, wife of Richard, d. Aug. 11, 1870, AE 76 yrs.
- AUSTIN DR. JOHN, d. Oct. 2, 1882, AE 80 yrs.
 " MINERVA PRIEST, his wife, d. July 29, 1878, AE 73 yrs.
- SNOW GERTIE R., dau. of D. J. & L. A. Snow, d. Jan. 8, 1882, AE 6 yrs. 3 mos. 15 days.
- BRIDGES MRS. MARY J., d. Aug. 19, 1885, AE 65 yrs. 11 mos. 19 days.
- GOODNOW SUSAN B., wife of John M., d. Mar. 10, 1848, AE 26 yrs.
- BRIGHAM MARY-ANN, dau. of Moses & Sally, d. Sept. 13th 1818, aged 3 yrs. 1 mo. 9 days.
- OAKS POLLY, dau. of Calvin & Lucretia, d. July 29, 1854, AE 64.
- OAK MR. KEENEZER, d. Oct. 22nd 1792, aged 21 yrs. 8 mos. 20 days.
- OAKS LUCRETIA, wife of Calvin, d. Sept. 19, 1854, AE 92.
- " CAPT. CALVIN, d. Nov. 10th 1815, in the 58th year of his age. (Flag on grave)
- OAK NATHANIEL, JR., d. Feb. 6, 1827, in the 22 year of his age.
- THRASHER BENJ., d. May 29, 1826, AE 76 yrs.
 " ESTHER, wife of Benj., d. Nov. 2, 1841, AE 85 yrs.
- HUDSON HOLMAN, d. Sept. 30, 1864, AE 62 yrs. 5 mos.
 " PHILOMELIA, wife of Holman, d. Oct. 7, 1876, AE 74.
 " CLARISSA, wife of Holman, d. Apr. 25, 1840, AE 40.
- OAKS SUSAN, wife of Nathaniel, d. Oct. 12, 1842, aged 72.
 " NATHANIEL, d. Mar. 25, 1830, in the 68th year of his age.
- DAVIS THOMAS, d. Nov. 19, 1836, in the 76th year of his age.
 " SARAH, wife of Thomas, d. Oct. 29, 1841, in the 74th year of her age.
 " MR. ASA, d. Apr. 14th 1820, aged 22.
- VASAR LIZZIE, dau. of Mitchel & Phebe Ann, d. May 25, 1866, Aet. 3 weeks & 3 days.
- SHAFTER (Monument)
 " JOHN L., d. Mar. 4, 1868, AE 80 yrs.
 " RUTH, wife of John L., d. Aug. 16, 1866, AE 78 yrs.
 " CHARITY A., dau. of J. L. & R., d. May 3, 1832, Ae 20 yrs.
 " LUTHER, d. Feb. 20th 1790, aged 11 mos. 12 days.) Children of
 " POLLY, d. Aug. 30, 1791, aged 7 mos. 15 days.) James & Abigail.
 (Table stone)
 " JAMES, ESQ., d. Jan. 9th 1816, in the 58th year of his age.
 " ABIGAIL, widow of James, d. Mar. 11, 1850, AE 78.
- TINKHAM WARREN, ESQ., d. Nov. 15, 1831, AE 55 yrs.
 " Infant son of Warren & Lucy, d. Mar. 8th, 1806.
- " MISS MOLLIE, d. Oct. 3rd 1791, aged 17 yrs. 2 mos.
- FIELD HANNAH, consort of Capt. Reuben, d. Feb. 2nd A.D. 1803, in the 68th year of her age.
- NICKOLS JAMES, Junr., d. Nov. 19th 1802, in the 24th year of his age.
- OAK SETH, son of John & Lydia, d. Apr. 24, 1810, aged 20 yrs. 5 mos. 20 days.

THRASHER	COMFORT.
"	SUSAN, wife of Comfort Thrasher, d. Mar. 12, 1825, AE 31 yrs.
"	RANSOM, son of C. & S. Thrasher, d. Oct. 1822, 9 mos.
HOLDEN	EPHRAIM JR., d. Oct. 31, 1815, in the 17th year of his age, son of Ephraim & Hannah.
"	EPHRAIM, d. Nov. 19, 1837, AE 84.
"	HANNAH, wife of Ephraim Holden, d. June 19, 1836, AE 73.
"	EPHRAIM, d. Aug. 20, 1798, in the third year of his age.
"	WRIGHT, d. Mar. 6, 1795, in the 7th month of his age.
"	WRIGHT, d. Apr. 3, 1782, in the 5th month of his age.
THAYER	CATHERINE, wife of Wm. Thayer, d. Mar. 28, 1856, AE 90 yrs.
WILSON	HARRIET M., dau. of Peter & Abigail, d. Nov. 2, 1831, in the 4th year of her age.
FARR	POLLY ROSIER, wife of Samuel Farr, d. July 15, 1853, AE 63 yrs.
WALKER	MRS. REBECCA, wife of Mr. Timothy Walker, d. Mar. 27, 1801, aged 58 yrs. 6 mos. 17 das.
DAVIS	OLIVER, d. Apr. 23, 1817, in the 60th year of his age.
"	NAOMI, wife of Oliver Davis, d. Nov. 20, 1819, in her 62 year.
"	SALLY, dau. of Oliver & Naomi Davis, d. Jan. 3, 1808, AE 19 yrs. 11 mos. 15 days.
COLTON	ALBERT G., d. Aug. 8, 1909, AE 73 yrs. 2 mos. 25 days.
"	SUSAN A. GATES, "his wife", d. Feb. 8, 1898, AE 63 yrs. 8 mos. 5 days.
"	CHARLES E., d. Jan. 17, 1917, AE 58 yrs. 1 mo. 28 days.
"	ELIAS, d. Apr. 27, 1891, AE 85 yrs. 5 mos. 17 days.
"	PERSIS, wife of Elias Colton, d. June 1, 1885, AE 82 yrs.
"	MARY J., dau. of Elias & Persis Colton, d. Jan. 18, 1835, AE 22 days.
"	REBECCA G., wife of Elias Colton, d. Nov. 25, 1832, aged 23 yrs.
"	REBECCA L., aged 10 weeks.
LOMBARD	PRINCE, d. June 1, 1837, aged 67.
"	REBECCA, wife of Prince Lombard, d. Apr. 8, 1832, Aet. 61 yrs.
WELLS	BETSEY, d. Mar. 17, 1821, in the 39th year of her age. "Wife of Ira Wells, also an infant child of Ira & Betsey Wells."
BELLOWS	AMASA, d. Jan. 8, 1857. (Stone broken off)
"	BETSEY, wife of Amasa Bellows, d. June 4, 1844, AE 57.
"	TRYPHENA, dau. of Amasa & Betsey Bellows, d. Feb. 2, 1849, AE 27 yrs.
NICHOLS	ORRIN, d. Sept. 6, 1850, AE 44 yrs.
NICKOALS	ANN, dau. of Orrin & Mary Nickoals, d. Oct. 19, 1854, AE 4 yrs. 4 mos.

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HEZEKIAH JOHNSON FAMILY BIBLE
Contributed by Mrs. Neil A. Cameron

The following family records were written at the end of the Old Testament in a very old Bible whose front cover is now gone. This book is in the possession of Mr. Frank Wood of Highland Park, Michigan.

Hezekiah Johnson's Book

Married ye 20th day of November A.D. 1777
and in the 30th year of his age to
Lorrain Lindsly in the 19th year of her age

Children-

Lowly Johnson born Sept. 19, 1778
Hezekiah Johnson born November 22, 1779
Suky Johnson born February 11, 1783
Adah Johnson born March 11, 1785
Lindsly Johnson born January 7, 1788
Ransom Johnson born February 25, 1790
Lois Johnson born August 3rd in the year of our Lord 1792
Hezekiah Lines Johnson born January 29, 1796

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- Jan. 23, 1841 Henry P. Seals 22 of Utica to Lovina Shafer 20 of Utica, at home of Walter Wentworth by Peter S. Palmer, J.P. Wit: Walter Wentworth & Harriet Wentworth.
- Jan. 14, 1841 Loran L. Andrus 24 of Washington to Lucina A. Davis of Ray age 19 by Oscar F. North, Min. of the Gospel M.E. Church. Wit: Calvin Dans & Elon Andrus.
- Mar. 1, 1841 Russel Day 28 of Bruce to Charlotte Smith 26 of Armada, by Wm. T. Snow, M.G. Wit: Joseph B. Chamberlin & Lorent Parmalee of Bruce.
- Jan. 26, 1841 George Sackett 29 of Clinton to Rachel Hetchler of town of Orange age 21 by Isaac Hall, J.P. at house of Jacob Hetchler in the Town of Orange (Wayne). Wit: Jacob Hetchler & Phebe White.
- Nov. 29, 1840 George Willson 23 to Mrs. Ann Torrey 26 both of Warren, by Harry W. Laraway, J.P. Wit: Jemimah Willson & Freeman Willson of Warren.
- Dec. 24, 1840 Horton Healy 22 to Elizabeth Anderson 18 at Washington by Abel Warren, J.P. Wit: James McCracken, Ray Twp. & Noah Cooley, Washington Twp.
- Dec. 30, 1840 Charles Harbeck 22 of Washington to Ann Knapp 19 of Washington, at house of C. W. Harback in Washington by H. Butler, J.P. Wit: E. R. Harback & E. H. Buddington.
- Jan. 10, 1841 Hiram W. Miller 26 of Washington to Mary McGregor 23 of same, by J. H. Butler, J.P. Wit: Alexander McGregor & Elizabeth McGregor.
- Mar. 3, 1841 Isaac Hamblin of Ray age 22 to Permelia Price of Washington age 21 at house of Henry Price in Washington, by J. H. Butler, J.P. Wit: Isaac Hoard & Jeferts Price.
- Feb. 4, 1841 Thomas E. Little 22 of Clinton to Ruth H. Williams 19 of Clinton, by Josiah Brakeman, M.G. of M.E. Church. Wit: A. B. Adams & Robert Little of Clinton.
- Mar. 18, 1841 Philander M. Finch 24 of Sterling to Martha Pelton 32 of same, by J. Brakeman. Wit: Russell Andrus & Zenovia Andrus.
- Mar. 18, 1841 Cordell Curtis 42 of Clinton to Mary Harvey 26 of Clinton, by J. Brakeman. No witnesses.
- Feb. 10, 1841 Nelson Cass 24 of Ray to Emily Willey 22 of Ray, by Duncan McGregor, M.G. of M.E. Church. Wit: Daniel McGregor & George Cass.
- Feb. 11, 1841 Seth Granger 20 on March 18 last of Macomb Twp. to Mary Granger 17 on 25 Sept. last of Macomb Twp., by Daniel Shattuck, J.P. Wit: Leonard Weston & Zalman H. Gray.
- Jan. 6, 1841 Chauncey A. Canfield 18 of Macomb to Mary Ann Palmer of Columbus, County of St. Clair, age 23, at the Wells residence in Mt. Clemens by A. S. Wells. Wit: Gen. William Canfield & his wife Ann Canfield.
- Oct. 19, 1840 George W. Patterson & Mrs. Martha Covell in Shelby by L. T. Tenny, J.P. Wit: Theron Patterson, his wife & Byrum Celle & others.
- Oct. 30, 1840 Francis Glasgow 26 to Martha Weatherhead 19 by L. T. Tenny, J.P. Wit: Damaris Jackson & Mary C. Jackson.
- Feb. 11, 1841 Jacob Hadley 29 of Avon Twp. to Mary Ann Axford 22 of Washington, Mich., by A. Warren, M.G. Wit: Samuel Axford & M. Price of Shelby.
- Feb. 11, 1841 Alexander Tackles 50 of Washington to Susannah Thompson 50 of Ray, by Wm. Tuttle, M.G. Wit: Joel Thompson & Joseph Suther of Ray.
- Apr. 1, 1841 Ezekiel Appleton 30 of Lenox Twp. to Julia Marvin 29 of Lenox Twp. by Mason Harris, J.P. Wit: John Harris & John E. Connor.
- May 4, 1841 Aldis L. Rich 24 of Lenox Twp. to Mariah Farr 18 of Macomb Twp. at house of Samuel Farr, Macomb Twp. by P. B. Thurston, J.P. Wit: Ebenezer Wright & Sylvanus Leonard, Mt. Clemens.
- Mar. 17, 1841 Richardson Gray 37 of Warren to Sarah Willson 18 of Warren, by Henry W. Lorraway, J.P. Wit: George Willson & Truman Willson.
- May 1, 1841 Benjamin L. Titus 22 to Rosetta Cooley 17 both of Ray Twp. Wit: Wm. Von Nauker & Luman Cooley both of Ray Twp. Married at the home in Armada of

John Cannon, M.G. Wit: Jonathan Bristol, Emily Ingalls.

- Nov. 2, 1841 George C. Nelson age 23 yr. 1 mo. 15 da. of Avon Twp., Oakland Co. to Lydia J. Beagle, age 16 yr. 2 mo. 9 da. of Troy Twp., Oakland Co., at Shelby by John Cannon, M.G. Wit: Sally Cannon, Elizabeth Ruby.
- Mar. 3, 1842 Horace A. Jenison 30 to Rhoda Ann Church 24 both of Washington, at house of Henry Church in Washington by Thomas Wheeler, J.P. Wit: Lewis Curtis & Emily Church.
- Feb. 16, 1842 Washington Stanley 35, Troy, Oakland Co. to Catherine E. Barringer 33, Sterling, Macomb Co., by S. Steele, Min. M.E. Church. Wit: Emi Jackson, Sarah Jackson.
- Feb. 3, 1842 Lafayette Warren 22, Shelby to Melissa Graves 22, Washington, by Salmon Steele, M.G. Wit: Abel Warren, Sally Warren.
- Feb. 2, 1842 Orman W. Burlingham 26 of Washington Twp. to Mary Jane Chapman 22 of Shelby Twp., by Abel Warren, M.G. Wit: Chauncey Chapman & Elizabeth Warren.
- Feb. 18, 1842 James W. Hazard 21 of Shelby Twp. to Celia Graves 23 of Washington Twp., by Abel Warren, M.G. Wit: Wm. Graves, Olive Warren.
- Jan. 20, 1842 H. H. Proctor 24, Shelby to Caroline Summers 19, Shelby, by Abel Warren, M.G. Wit: R. M. McCracken, Elizabeth McCracken.
- Feb. 24, 1842 Ziba Finch 22, Armada to Laura Richards 17, Richmond, in Richmond by Pliny Corbin, J.P. Wit: Anson Richards, Davie A. Richards, both of Richmond.
- Feb. 21, 1842 John St John 37, Sterling to Elizabeth Culver 22, Sterling, by A. K. Tupper, Admin. Wit: Benjamin Morey, Jane Morey, Sterling.
- Apr. 17, 1842 Nelson Homes 25 to Harriet Colton 27, both of Utica, Twp. of Shelby, by A. K. Tupper, Admin. Wit: Alanson & George King.
- Feb. 25, 1842 David Stickney 39 to Mrs. Catharine Collins 31, both of Sterling Twp., by Robert D. Smith, J.P. Wit: Margarette Sullivan & Augustus L. Finch, both residents of Sterling.
- May 18, 1842 John Clow 26 of Clarkson, Monroe Co., N.Y. to Sophie Burt 18 of Bruce Twp., by Abel Warren, M.G. Wit: James & Roxanna Starkweather.
- Mar. 30, 1842 George W. Goss 28 to Rachel Johnson 23, both of Ray, by Abel Warren, M.G. Wit: Nathan Johnson, Morgan Johnson.
- Apr. 14, 1842 Wm. Snover 39 to Esther Conden 29, both of Oakland Twp., Oakland Co., by Abel Warren, M.G. Wit: Riley C. Crawford, Elizabeth Warren.
- Feb. 23, 1842 David A. Richards 21, Richmond to Eliza Ann Finch 18, Armada, at house of Albert F. Aldrich in Armada by Solomon Lathrop, J.P. Wit: Albert F. Aldrich, Ziba Finch, both of Armada.
- Apr. 7, 1842 Phillip Edgett 31 to Sarah Eldridge 33, both of Armada Twp., at house of Jacob A. Coddington in Armada by Solomon Lathrop, J.P. Wit: Jacob A. Coddington & Philander Spencer, both of Armada Twp.
- Apr. 26, 1842 Riley S. Preston 22 of Shelby Twp. to Eliza A. Carlton 20 of Washington Twp., in Washington by John Cannon, M.G. Wit: John Carlton & Minerva Preston.
- May 18, 1842 Enoch Huntley 59 to Sally Stanley 40, both of Dryden Twp., Lapeer Co., by John Cannon, M.G. in Shelby. Wit: Lovina Squires & Sally Cannon.
- June 7, 1842 Riley C. Crawford 25, Algonac, St. Clair Co. to Mary L. Warren 18, Shelby, Macomb Co., at Shelby by George Smith, M.G. Wit: James Trowbridge of Birmingham, Mich. & Olive Warren of Shelby.
- June 2, 1842 Charles Cluff 26, Riley Twp., St. Clair Co. to Eliza Bywaters 18, Richmond, by Isaac B. Gilbert, J.P. Wit: John Bywaters & wife.
- June 16, 1842 Henry Porter 38 yr. 8 mo. to Elizabeth Standish 30 yr. 2 mo. both of Bruce, by R. R. Smith, M.G. Wit: Mr. Rufus Prentice & Miss ----.
- Feb. 17, 1842 Milo Selleck 32 yr. 1 mo. of Ray Twp. to Melissa Hill 19 yr. 4 mo. 6 da. of Bruce, by R. R. Smith, M.G. Wit: Joel Cartwright & Harriet Cartwright of Armada.
- Jan. 20, 1842 Amos N. Freeman 27 of Washington Twp. to Rebecca M. Friligh 24 yr. 2 mo. 10 da. of Ray Twp., by R. R. Smith, M.G. Wit: Green Freeman of Mt. Clemens & Sarah Ann Harold (?) of Armada.
- May 28, 1842 Thomas Ruby 21 to Katharine Galpin 16, both of Shelby, by H. Cartter, J.P. at house of Curtis Galpin in Shelby Twp. Wit: Oliver Adams & Jane L. Cartter.
- Apr. 14, 1842 Alvin Adams 26 to Ann L. Harris 16, both of Lenox, by Wm. Tuttle, M.G. Wit: Myron Bates, Solon Harris, both of Lenox.

house of the late Isaac Thompson in Bruce by Thomas Wheeler, J.P. & M.G.
Wit: Julia S. Wheeler of Romeo & Abbey Thompson of Bruce.

- Jan. 15, 1842 Charles Dubay 32 to Jane Gulette 21, both of Harrison Twp., by Henry Teats, J.P. Wit: Lewis Gulette & Francis Dubay.
- Feb. 7, 1842 Phillip Bellard 22 to Susan Pomaville 19, both of Harrison Twp., by Henry Teats, J.P. Wit: Dominick Bellard & Moses Bellard.
- Dec. 9, 1841 Philip Price Jr. 26 to Nancy Harvey 23, both of Washington Twp., by John Laurence, J.P. Wit: Asahel Sowle & Susannah Laurence of Washington.
- Dec. 7, 1841 Wm. Shepherd 21, Clinton, Macomb Co. to Lucinda Brown 24, Shelby, by A. K. Tupper. Wit: John Tupper & Mary S. Tupper.
- Nov. 24, 1841 Mortimer C. Pomeroy 24, Armada to Elizabeth F. Sage 25, Richmond, at Richmond by Charles Kellog, M.G. Wit: Araunah Gilbert & Linus S. Gilbert.
- Feb. 16, 1842 Seth Williams 24 to Eleanor Moore 19, both of Utica, at house of Orson Sheldon in Utica by Orson Sheldon, J.P. Wit: Geo. W. Merrill & Lewis Williams.
- Feb. 10, 1842 Oren H. Winegar 24 to Eliza Jane Platt 15 yr. 6 mo., both of Utica, at res. of Geo. Colton in Utica by Orson Sheldon, J.P. Wit: John James & Miranda Holmes of Utica.
- Feb. 16, 1842 Stephen S. Merrill 27 of Utica to Ann Harvey 19 of Sterling, at house of and by Orson Sheldon, J.P. Wit: Reuben Emery & Lewis Winans.
- Feb. 15, 1842 Calvin Silsby of Sterling, age 25 to Sally Urana Wales of Sterling, age 24, in house of Elijah Bachellor, Sterling by Orson Sheldon, J.P. Wit: Elijah Bachellor & Washington J. Adams.
- Jan. 27, 1842 Henry D. Gorchius 26 of Romeo to Phebe Cardwell 19 of Bristol, Lapeer Co. by Jno. Stockton, J.P. Wit: Robert J. Gorchius & Harriet L. Hammond both of Mt. Clemens.
- Feb. 24, 1842 Holly Corey 21 to Rachel Van Horn 19, by Jno. Stockton, J.P. Wit: Robert Welts & Amos Greanleaf.
- Oct. 31, 1841 Moses Snider 45 to Lavina Carpenter 26, both of Washington Twp. at house of Betsey Carpenter, Washington, by J. H. Butler, J.P. Wit: Levi & Sally Hoard of Shelby.
- July 28, 1841 Americ M. Joslin 27, Sterling Twp. to Margaret Vanallen 19, Romeo, at house and by J. H. Butler, J.P. of Washington. Wit: John & Betsey Joslin.
- Dec. 2, 1841 James H. Smith about 21 of Macomb Co. to Emeline Edgett about 16, in Bruce Twp. by Azariah Prentiss, J.P. Wit: Philip Edgett, Nelson G. Smith & others.
- Feb. 16, 1842 Harvey Dewey 24, Bruce, to Sabron Barris 21, Washington, by W. T. Snow, Minister of M.E. Church. Wit: Orville Dewey & Isaac Barris.
- Jan. 6, 1842 George Bolane (?) 31 to Susan Conda 24, both of Warren Twp., by Robert D. Smith, J.P. Wit: John Conda, Bliss Conda, Mary Conda & many others, all residents of Warren.
- Feb. 7, 1842 Amasa Daniels 37 to Ann E. Andrews 36, both of Macomb, at home of Daniels, by Samuel Whitney, J.P. Wit: James Perkins & Daniel Stroup.
- Dec. 29, 1841 Joseph A. Thurston 22, Armada, to Mrs. Nancy Black 25, Bruce, at home of and by Rufus Prentice, J.P. Wit: James G. Thurston, Armada & Laura Ann Prentice, Bruce.
- Jan. 1, 1842 Robert Hamilton 22 to Caroline Allen 21, both of Bruce, at house of Wm. Allen by Rufus Prentice, J.P. Wit: Joseph A. Thurston, Nancy Thurston.
- Jan. 5, 1842 Increase Gregory 28 to Olive Wilber 24, both of Washington, by Abel Warren, M.G. Wit: Caleb Wilber, Rhoda Wilber.
- Mar. 24, 1842 Kthamar Adams 22 to Mrs. Mary Harris 20, both of Lenox Twp., at house of Mr. Mason Harris by A. L. Rich, J.P. Wit: Henry F. Farr, Alvin Adams.
- Jan. 20, 1842 George W. Armstrong 24 of Sterling to Lydia Goodwin 21, Royal Oak, Oakland Co., at Shelby by John Cannon, M.G. Wit: Seth Goodwin and Polly M. Haight.
- Jan. 29, 1842 Calvin G. White 38, Armada, to Juliana Boughton 26, Washington, at Armada by L. I. Wicker, M.G. Wit: Joel Cartwright, Mrs. Cartwright.
- Jan. 5, 1842 Orson Ingalls 23 to Mary L. Hough 20 both of Bristol, Lapeer Co., at Bruce by

- Oct. 17, 1841 George W. Corey 28 of Warren Twp. to Polly M. Freeland of Sterling Twp. at home of Abraham Freeland Esq. in Twp. of Sterling by Orson Sheldon, J.P. Wit: Harris Corey & Lyman Corey of Sterling.
- Sept. 13, 1841 Nelson G. Smith age about 26 to Harriet Edgett age about 19, by Azariah Prentiss, J.P. Wit: John M. Perkins & Jacob A. Coddington.
- Oct. 16, 1841 Joel Wilber age about 21 to Hannah Van Natter age about 18, by Azariah Prentiss J.P. Wit: Zelotus Prentiss, John Van Natter & others of the village of Romeo.
- Oct. 20, 1841 Robert Hamilton Wallace 21, Armada to Sylvia Stewart 22, Armada, by Luther Shaw, M.G. Wit: J. S. Becraft & Sarah A. Howell, Armada.
- May 25, 1841 Emanuel Case 28, Royal Oak, Oakland Co. to Cloey Barton 21, Warren, by Henry M. Lorraway, J.P. Wit: Lyman Corey & Olive Barton, both of Warren.
- Nov. 6, 1841 Solen Harris 23, Lenox Twp. to Maria Young 17, Ray Twp. at dwelling house of Seamour Young, Ray Twp. by A. L. Rick, J.P. Wit: Mason Harris & Samuel R. Clark, both of Lenox.
- Oct. 17, 1841 Rival Pane 29 to Hannah Goff 20, both of Shelby Twp. at house of Russell Goff in Shelby Twp. by Russell Goff, J.P. Wit: Geo. W. Preston, James Pane, Elvira Pane.
- Oct. 5, 1841 Elijah Bull 40 of Bloomfield, Oakland Co. to Mary E. Kyle 23 of Bloomfield, Oakland Co. at Mt. Clemens by A. S. Wells, V.D.M. Wit: Robert C. Kyle & Matthew Brown of West Bloomfield, Oakland Co.
- Nov. 17, 1841 John Plues of Gaines, Orleans Co., N.Y. 25 yrs. to Samantha Harrington, Frederick, Macomb Co. 22 yrs. by Ashbel S. Wells, V.D.M. Wit: Henry C. Lewis, Maumee, Lucas Co. O. & Delia Grosvenor of Mt. Clemens.
- Nov. 27, 1841 Nathan Johnson 25 to Mary Ann McGregor 18, both of Ray Twp. by Abel Warren, M.G. Wit: Thomas Pain & Elizabeth Pain.
- Dec. 1, 1841 Daniel McGregor 28 to Almira Lusk 21, at Macomb by Abel Warren, M.G. Wit: B. T. Castle & Worthy Castle.
- Nov. 4, 1841 Samuel R. Betts 24 to Charity Shattuck 22, both of Macomb Twp. at house of Daniel Shattuck in Macomb Twp. by Samuel P. Canfield, J.P. Wit: Franklin Crittenden & Mary E. Sackett.
- Dec. 23, 1841 William Kewley 24 to Abigail Emery 17, both of Macomb Twp. by Samuel P. Canfield, J.P. Wit: John Herreman & Robert O. Milton.
- Jan. 4, 1842 William Tucker 38 to Julia Ann Cherbaneanu 33, both of Harrison Twp. by Henry Teats, J.P. Wit: John B. Moore & Louis Chaputon.
- Nov. 25, 1841 Ghislain J. Boheme 38 to Mariam Mitresse 21, both of Harrison Twp. by Henry Teats, J.P. Wit: Joseph Mitresse, Adelaide Mitresse, Francis Socia.
- Nov. 1, 1841 James McColly 24 to Cornelia Beebe 21, both of Richmond Twp. at residence of Miss Betsey Beebe in Richmond by Isaac B. Gilbert, J.P. Wit: P. Beebe & Lucy Beebe.
- Dec. 16, 1841 Robert Mackay, Oxford Twp., Oakland Co., to Jane Gray, Bruce Twp., Macomb Co. by C. Nicoll, M. of Presbyterian Church. Wit: Neil Gray & Robert Gray.
- Oct. 21, 1841 Custis (Curtis?) K. S. Madison 28 to Abigail Stevens 22, both of Shelby, at res. of Orville Stevens, by Philander Bates, M.G. Wit: Orville Stevens & William Stevens also of this place.
- Oct. 17, 1841 Nelson Lewis 22 to Harriet A. Harris (Davis?) 20 both of Lenox, by William Tuttle, M.G. Wit: Solon Harris & Mariah Young of Lenox.
- Jan. 23, 1842 Edmond C. Ewell 24 of Shelby Twp. to Frances Eliza Davis 18 of Ray Twp. by Salmon Steele, M.G. Wit: Lorin Andrus & Lucinda A. Davis.
- Oct. 2, 1841 Hiram Goss 24 of Southfield Twp., Oakland Co., to Sarah Allen 23 of Sterling Twp., Macomb Co., by Joseph Brakeman, M.G. of Methodist Church. Wit: A. B. Adams & James Trowbridge.
- Feb. 1, 1842 John Darling 21 to Sally Ann Brainard 17, both of Shelby Twp., at Exchange Hotel, Romeo, by Thomas Wheeler, J.P. & M.G. Wit: Chas. T. Brainard & Mary M. Teal of Shelby.
- Sept. 23, 1841 Deliverance S. Priest 27, Ray Twp. to Charity Thompson 24, Bruce Twp., at

Solomon Lathrop, J.P.

- May 26, 1841 Truman Willson 21 of Warren Twp. to Lodema Parks 18 of Royal Oak, by Harris Covey, J.P. at house of George Willson in Warren. Wit: Henry W. Lorroway & George Willson.
- July 4, 1841 James A. Armstrong 21 Feb. 6 last to Syntha Miller 16 July 10 last, married at house of Abner Stephens in Lenox Twp. by Abner Stephens, J.P. Wit: Stephen Claggett & James Dowling of Lenox.
- Apr. 13, 1841 Joseph Williams 28 of Twp. of Livonia to Amy Louisa Perry 17 of Ray Twp. at Ray by David Stone, J.P. Wit: William Perry & Emily Lathrop.
- July 27, 1841 Vencil Hoffman 21 of Clinton Twp. to Harriet Olds 22 of Clinton Twp. at dwelling house of Wm. Olds, by P. B. Thurston, J.P. Wit: Thomas J. Rutter & Joseph C. High of Mt. Clemens.
- July 31, 1841 Thomas Potter 25 to Olive Northrop 18 both of Armada, at dwelling house of Hasen Northrop by Solomon Vathrop, J.P. Wit: Hasen Northrop & Philander Spencer, Armada.
- May 23, 1841 William Maxwell 26 to Hartz Estes 15 both of Twp. of Lenox, by Justus R. Crandall, J.P. Wit: Geo. W. Cail & Wm. Cail of Lenox Twp.
- May 16, 1841 Milo King 28 to Peaceable Brown 19 both of Shelby Twp. by Stephen Goodman K.D.V. Wit: C. J. Brown of Shelby & Mary Brown of Sterling.
- July 25, 1841 Seth C. C. Gladden 24 of Oxford Twp., Oakland Co. to Rachel Scidmore 19 of Washington Twp., at house of Miss Scidmore by John Lawrence, J.P. Wit: Edward Sowl & Mary Ann Sowl of Washington Twp.
- June 8, 1841 Joseph Graves 33 to Carline Smith 26 both of Washington, at house of John Lawrence, Washington, by John Lawrence, J.P. Wit: Albert Miller & Elizabeth Miller of Washington.
- Aug. 19, 1841 William Gamber 22 to Elizabeth P. Weston 22 both of Macomb, by Jno. Stockton, J.P. Wit: Rue High & Daniel Shattuck.
- June 10, 1841 Abner Porter 37 yr. 6 mo. 9 da. of Shelby to Anna Blakeley 17 yr. 6 mo. 3 da. of Washington, at Shelby by John Cannon, M.G. Wit: Sally Cannon & Lucinda Blakeley.
- Aug. 31, 1841 Charles Chapman 22 to Ann Hetchler 18 both of Clinton Twp. at house of Noadiah Sacket in Clinton Twp. by P. B. Thurston, J.P. Wit: Noadiah, Hannah & Caroline Sacket.
- May 2, 1841 Daniel B. Miller 21 of Lenox to Elizabeth B. Stone 21 of Ray, married at his house in Romeo by Thomas Wheeler, M.G. & J.P. Wit: Justin L. Wheeler of Romeo & Anna Stone of Ray.
- June 1, 1841 Samuel A. McDonald 22, Macomb Twp. to Ruth McChesney 19, Clinton Twp. by A. S. Wells, N.D.M. Wit: Moore Stephens, Clinton & Margaret A. McDonald of Macomb.
- Sept. 14, 1841 Alvin Turner 36, Adrian, Lenawee Co., to Julia Petrie 24, Frederick, Macomb Co., by A. S. Wells, V.D.M. Wit: C. D. Farlin, Detroit & May Eliza Stevens, Frederick, John C. Merritt & Marion Stevens.
- June 22, 1841 Ransom Odell 44, Bruce Twp. to Sarah Benjamin 42, Bruce Twp. by William Merchant, M.G. & resident of town of Bruce. Wit: Sewart Walter & Mars Coon of Bruce.
- Sept. 16, 1841 William A. Cooper 22 of Sterling Twp. to Ann Roade 16 of Sterling Twp. at house of G. B. Rood in Sterling. Wit: Norman Vanantwerp & Harriet Vanantwerp. Married by C. G. Cady, J.P.
- July 21, 1841 Levi Washburn 19th yr. to Elvira Herrington 20, both of Armada Twp. by Luther Sharpsteen, J.P. of Ray Twp. at Twp. of Washington. Wit: Isaac Powell & Moses Freeman of Washington.
- Sept. 22, 1841 Samuel Miles of Twp. of Sterling, age 23, to Esther Vanantwerp of Twp. of Warren age 16, at Warren by Robert I. Smith, J.P. Wit: William Miles, John Vanantwerp, Augustus T. Finch & many other persons.
- Aug. 21, 1841 Jacob Stroup 30 to Betsy Jane Perkins 20, both of Macomb, by Samuel Whitney, J.P. Wit: Wm. Gamber & James Perkins.
- June 17, 1841 John S. Goodell 22 to Emma Pomeroy 18, both of Armada Twp. by Sanford H. Corbin at Twp. of Armada. Wit: P. C. Goodell, J. S. Corbin.
- Oct. 7, 1841 James Nelson 24 on Nov. 5, 1840, Ray Twp. to Martha Smith 24* on May 24, 1841 at house of Moses T. Smith, Ray Twp., by Alanson Flower J.P. Wit: Moses T. Smith, Sally his wife, & others of Ray Twp. *of Pontiac Twp., Oakland Co.

- May 5, 1842 Minor Stone 27 to Jerusha Ann Bristol 27, both of Ray, by Wm. Tuttle, M.G.
Wit: Harrison Bristol & Melvin Stone of Ray.
- Feb. 17, 1842 Elias O. McCall 33 to Phila Jacox 33, both of Clinton Twp., by A. Freeland,
J.P. Wit: Albion Brandy & Ephraim McCall, Clinton Twp.
- Apr. 24, 1842 David Terrill 23 of Fentonville, Genesee Co. to Betsey Ruby 17 of Shelby,
Macomb Co., at the dwelling of Elisha Ruby, Shelby Twp. by H. Cartter, J.P.
Wit: Alvah Arnold & Aline Porter.
- Apr. 6, 1842 Luther D. Whitney 43 to Rebecca A. Pearsoll 34, both of Shelby Twp., at the
house of S. B. Pearsoll in Shelby Twp. by J. H. Butler, J.P. Wit: William
Harvey & Celia Pearsoll, both of Shelby.
- July 5, 1842 James Vroman 28 of Mt. Clemens to Rosetta Curtis 22 of Orange, by Jno. Stock-
ton, J.P. Wit: Robert Warner & Eliphalet Hubbard, both of Mt. Clemens.
- May 29, 1842 Harrison Bristol 22 to Ann Stone 17, both of Ray Twp., by Josiah Lee, J.P.
Wit: Elijah Stone & Heman Nye.
- June 30, 1842 Nehemiah Weston 21 to Pamelia Geer 21, both of Sterling, at the house of
Elisha Geer, Sterling by Orson Sheldon, J.P. Wit: Elisha Geer & Harrison
Geer.
- Mar. 31, 1842 Frederick S. Crisman 25 of town of Washington to Eliza Smith 22, Washington,
by Josiah Brakeman, M.G. of M.E. Church. Wit: Andrew M. Grover & Lewis
Curtis.
- Sept. 1, 1842 Wm. F. Miller 33 of town of Bruce to Rhoda Wilber 32 of Washington, at Wash-
ington by Wm. Tuttle, M.G. Wit: Jacob P. Miller, Bruce & Joel Wilber of
Washington.
- June 22, 1842 Edwin Buzzell 29 of Armada to Chloe L. Roberts 20 of Ray, by Wm. Tuttle, M.G.
Wit: L. W. Stone of Ray & Jane M. Terry of Avon.
- June 23, 1842 Lemuel Herriman 22 of Chesterfield to Betsey Conklin 17 of Macomb, by Wm.
Tuttle, M.G. Wit: Wm. Greenleaf & Charity Gambers, both of Macomb.
- Sept. 14, 1842 Sylvanus Leonard 28 of Mt. Clemens to Martha Cole 19 of Clinton, by A. S.
Wells, V.D.M. Wit: Robert Thompson & Eliza R. Hall of Mt. Clemens.
- Sept. 14, 1842 Wm. W. Shay 31 of Washington Twp. to Amelia Hayden 34 of Washington Twp., by
Abel Warren, M.G. Wit: John & July Rose.
- Sept. 15, 1842 James Alexander 27 of Shelby Twp. to Eunice Davis 19 of Macomb Twp., by Abel
Warren, M.G. Wit: Edward Hoard & Morgan Davis.
- Sept. 1, 1842 Benjamin McCracken 22 to Lucia Rice 18, both of Washington Twp., by Salmon
Steele, M.G., M.E. Church. Wit: Hana Burlingham & Olive Warren.
- Sept. 4, 1842 Horace Bogart 29 to Maryette Owen 26, at house of Mr. Owen of Romeo by Thomas
Wheeler, M.G. Wit: Oram P. Southwell & Martha Southwell.
- July 3, 1842 Charles Lester 34 of Twp. of Berlin, St. Clair Co. to Louisa Sabin 25 of Twp.
of Lenox, at house of Lester Scofield in Lenox by Samuel P. Canfield, J.P.
Wit: Lester & Aurilla Scofield.
- Sept. 28, 1842 James W. McChesney 25 of Clinton to Caroline M. Lewis 17 of Macomb, by A. S.
Wells, V.D.M. Wit: Maxine Cauchois & Jane M. McChesney of Clinton.
- Oct. 5, 1842 Ebenezer Wright Hall 27 to Mary Ann Beer 31, both of Mt. Clemens, by A. S.
Wells, V.D.M. Wit: Henry D. Gerry, Eliza Hall, Robert Thompson, Abigail
Pillsbury, Mt. Clemens.
- July 28, 1842 J. R. Tyson 28 to J. C. Lull 28, both of Utica, Mich. at 4 o'clock in village
of Utica, by A. K. Tupper, Adm. Wit: George Colton & James Alexander, all
of Utica.
- Oct. 23, 1842 Joseph Lyon 22 to Lydia Davy 17, both of Detroit, at Warren Twp., by Avery
Denison. Wit: D. A. Denison, G. W. Glazer.
- Nov. 16, 1842 George Dixon 28 to Elizabeth Burtzell 22, both of Mt. Clemens, by A. S. Wells,
V.D.M. Wit: Elizier L. Goodman & Emily A. Hubbard of Mt. Clemens.
- Nov. 30, 1842 Luman Harvey 30 of Sterling Twp. to Rhoda McCardel 20 of Clinton Twp., at
house of John Harvey in Sterling Twp. by Chancey G. Cady, J.P. Wit: Smith
Harvey & Mary Ann Harvey.
- Dec. 4, 1842 James G. Thurston 20 of Armada to Lucy Ann Hough 20 of Bristol, Lapeer Co., by
John Cannon, M.G. Wit: Polly Dusing of Washington & Sally Cannon of Shelby.
Married at Shelby.
- Sept. 22, 1842 Albertus Gray 30 to Clarinda Miller 15, both of Washington, by John Cannon,
M.G. Wit: Mary Ann Gray & Miranda Gray, both of Shelby.

To be continued

BROWN CEMETERY, CONNECTICUT HILL, NEW YORK
Contributed by Mrs. Myrte Rice Haynes, Ithaca, N.Y.

About 1935, because most of the farms had already been abandoned, this region near Newfield, N.Y. was taken over by the state as a wild life preserve. The remaining houses were then removed and the occupants placed on other land.

At the highest point of the Hill is a marker stating that at this place on July 22, 1855 there were born to Foster Ervay and wife four children known as the "Ervay Quadruplets."

The following inscriptions were copied in 1945 from a small private cemetery plot, long abandoned and hard to find:

Brown, Jeremiah, died Aug. 25, 1835, age 72 yrs. 11 mos. 5 days.
Brown, Mary, wife, died Mar. 31, 1849, age 79 yrs. 9 mos. 23 days.
Brown, Jeremiah Jr., died Mar. 15, 1862, age 79 yrs. 2 mos.
Brown, Matilda, wife of Jeremiah Jr., died (stone broken and illegible)
Brown, Marian, dau. of J. A. and Almira Brown, died June 25, 1845, age 11 yrs.

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JOSEPH LIVINGSTON BIBLE RECORD
Contributed by Miss Dorris M. Berning, Reedsburg, Wis.

The following records were copied from The Holy Bible... Cooperstown, New York, published by H. & E. Phiney... 1840... endorsed "Joseph Livingston his book bought June 28th 1842." Information in parentheses has been supplied by the contributor.

Joseph Livingston was born March 25th 1805
Laura Ann Livingston was born Sept. 18th 1811 (1810 marked over)
(Laura Ann Wheeler, daughter of and Abigail Wheeler)
Ordella Livingston was born Dec 28th 1826
Nathaniel M. Livingston was born Oct 16th 1828
Hannah Ann Livingston was born August 28th 1831
James B. Livingston was born Jan 16th 1834
James E Livingston was born April 17th 1837
Samuel W. Livingston was born June 11th 1840
John Livingston was born July 26th 1842
George H Livingston was born Dec 28th 1845
Charlotte A Livingston was born Nov. 4th 1848
Fernando C Livingston was born June 11th 1850

Hannah Ann Livingston was married July 4th 1849
Ordella Livingston was married Nov. 25th 1849
Charlott A Livingston was married June 18th 1868

James B Livingston died June 22nd 1836 Aged 2 years 5 months and 6 days
Laura Ann Livingston died Oct 12th 1850 Aged 40 years and 23 days
Hannah A Livingston wife of Levi Kinne died August 29th 1860 Aged 29 yr
Samuel W Livingston died at sea March 23d 1870 Aged 30 years
Ordella Shue daughter of Joseph and Laura Ann Livingston Died Nov 8th 1874 Aged 48 years
Joseph Livingston died October 3d 1875 Aged 70 years
James E Livingston died on Sept. 13 1898 Aged 61 years 4 mo. 27 d.
Catherine J Livingston died July 13 1908 Aged 96 years at Central Square, N.Y.
(daughter of Gloud Wands & Elsie Van Valkenburgh)
John Livingston died Dec 22 1908 Aged 66 yrs. at Homer, N.Y.
Charlott A Wands died Feb. 13 1911 at Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Aged 62
Fernando C Livingston died Feb 12 1912 Aged 61 at Syracuse, N.Y.
Nathaniel Munson Livingston died Jan 24 1914 at Skaneateles, N.Y. Aged 85
George H. Livingston died March 22 1929 aged 83 at Constantia, N.Y.

REPORT OF MEETINGS
Roy E. McFee

The auditorium was packed again for the November 12 meeting. Miss Irene Dudley, Reference Assistant at the Burton Historical Collection, continued the talks on recent additions to Burton material. She showed first the Van Vechten Genealogy, by Van Vechten. It is a gift from Past President Marquis E. Shattuck, who helped with the compilation. Miss Dudley called it "rich in families that stem out of the Netherlands and New Amsterdam."

A set of six attractive red books is Caribbeana, bound volumes of the periodical of the name, edited by Oliver. Included is much genealogy of British families, many of whom were in the British West Indies only a short time. Thus a link is provided between families in Britain and the same ones in the American Colonies. There is a marvelous index.

Other books discussed were: History of Galley Family, by Galley and Arnold; Wormslee (two centuries of the Georgia family of Jones) by Coulter; Early Days of Coastal Georgia, by Wightman and Gate; History of Athol, Massachusetts, by Lord; The Detroit Index (a numerical listing of early Detroit post cards); Buhl Sons Company, 1855-1955 (with Buhl genealogy); and the rare volume, Francis de Castelnau's Vues et Souvenirs de l'Amerique du Nord.

Microcards have these genealogies: Bergen, Blodgett, Hershey and Swartwout.

"Letters and Stamps Tell of the Past" was the subject of the talk by Maurice F. Cole, attorney, of Ferndale. He earned a master's degree at the University of Michigan, and now sees history in stamps also. He has been a stamp collector from boyhood, but like many collectors he now specializes. His own interest centers on old Michigan covers. His book, Michigan Postal Markings, is just out, and he has written numerous magazine articles on his subject. He explained that a cover is the outside of a letter, either an envelope, or the letter paper itself folded to serve also as an envelope. Thus, folded letter sheets become complete letters, and the collecting of covers often means the ownership of historic letters.

In 1847 the United States, Great Britain, and Brazil were the only nations to have stamps. Together they had only ten kinds. So there were no stamp collectors then.

The speaker read from some of his collected letters of early Michigan clergymen. One called the Grand River Valley the most important area in Michigan, and one which was destined to have the greatest population in the state. Clergymen's letters were usually humble in tone. They were also in flowery language, as in these examples: "You as agents of the Great Lord of the Harvests," "means of grace," and "Scores have been hopefully converted." One letter reported the finding of seventeen women in the neighborhood "with impenitent husbands."

Mr. Cole has in his collection a stampless cover signed by Andrew Jackson, a letter by Lewis Cass and one to him, a letter to Governor Porter, and one addressed to "His Excellency, Stevens T. Mason, Governor of Michigan."

An eager and expectant audience awaited the program on December 10. Miss Helen Ellis, Assistant Chief, Burton Historical Collection, spoke first, on "Important and Significant Acquisitions at Burton." She told of the Vosburgh Records, on microfilm. These New York State Protestant Church records, never before copied, have been transcribed in typewritten form and are thus easy to read. Records include those of 94 churches in 72 places, in 15 counties, all but one of the counties being near the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers. They offer a wealth of family statistics, ranging from 1716 to 1918. There are 13 reels (positive) of this Film No. 78.

Burton also has American and English Genealogies in the Library of Congress, a large volume published in 1919. In 1954, 67 microcards were made, to cover all genealogies then published, and including all listed in the above book. There are about 400 titles on a card. The speaker explained that the Library of Congress will give some aid in genealogical research. It will check its book index for family name, and will quote prices for photostats.

Attention was called to the Index to Boston Transcript Genealogy Column. Generally, Burton has most of the queries and answers, from the beginning in 1894 to the ending in 1941. Scrapbooks cover the entire period and are nearly complete. The part from 1904 to 1941 is also on microcards. These are new. Indices, somewhat overlapping, refer to most of the whole period. Indices include: complete whole name index for 1894-1899, made by members of our Society; Burton's Supplementary Genealogical File; and the American Genealogical-Biographical Index by whole name, but now published only as far as the family name of "Billows."

Henry D. Brown, Director of the Detroit Historical Museum, and our member, spoke on "Michigan Portrait Survey -- Another Tool for the Genealogist."

The portrait survey was inspired by the Museum's Historic Citizen Exhibit, of which one is held each month. The exhibit requires, as a beginning, a portrait of the historic citizen. Finding it has often been difficult. So a survey has been undertaken of available

portraits in Michigan. The survey will also locate the works of Michigan artists and point to sources of illustrations for historical writing. It will stimulate appreciation of portraits and lead to their preservation. So the purpose of the survey is to locate portraits lost to the scholar. The result is an index listing subjects of Michigan portraits, artists painting Michigan portraits, and location within the state of these Michigan portraits.

Limitations have been set for the survey. Portraits must be in oil and located in Michigan. Artistic merit of portrait and the standing of the artist are not considered.

The Detroit Historical Museum has had the cooperation of 37 historical societies in Michigan -- more than the speaker knew existed. Aid has also come from Michigan colleges and universities, the State Capitol Building, Detroit City-County Building, libraries, art institutes, and clubs, besides all D.A.R. chapters. Already 1750 portraits have been indexed, also 467 artists, and 347 locations of portraits. It is hoped to get all reports and records back by late spring of 1956, and have a preliminary check list ready by autumn.

Every seat was filled, with persons standing along the back wall, for the meeting of January 14. Peter Bury represented the Burton Historical Collection in speaking on further material newly acquired by the Collection. He jokingly referred to himself as also a recent addition to Burton -- to the great delight of the audience. He discussed six books. Warpath and Bivouac -- The Big Horn and Yellowstone Expedition, by Finerty, and edited by Milo M. Quaife, tells of the wars with the Sioux in the days of Custer. Old Northwest Pioneer Period, 1815-1840, by Buley, is in two volumes. It won the 1951 Pulitzer Prize for American History. The emphasis is on social aspects, with very little of politics. It is an excellent and scholarly work based on 25 years of research. Index to History of Bay County, Michigan, and Index to History of Tuscola County, Michigan, both by Monteith, refer to these two county histories published by H. R. Page and Company. Two genealogies are: History and Genealogy of Collins Family in Caroline County, Virginia, by Collins, and Three Centuries of Keator Family in America, by Keator. The Keator genealogy is indexed for both name and place.

Then followed the Symposium on Patriotic Societies. William Meredith was detained outside the state, and therefore could not speak on the Society of the Cincinnati.

The Huguenot Society was represented by Marquis E. Shattuck, Treasurer of the Huguenot Society of Michigan. He spoke in place of the President of the state society, Mrs. Sidney Probert, who was unable to be present. The Huguenot Society was founded in 1883. In 1937 the state society was organized at Hasbrouck House, home of Mrs. George W. Moran, Marshall, Michigan. She was its first President and is now Honorary President for life. Membership is limited to descendants of Huguenot families emigrating from France prior to the Edict of Toleration (1787), and also to historians and authors who have done important work in Huguenot history. The insignia is a Languedoc cross with a wounded dove suspended below. Mrs. Moran, who was present, was called on and given acclaim. She spoke briefly from the floor.

The Order of Founders and Patriots of America was outlined by our member, Donald S. Leonard, attorney, and 1954 Republican nominee for Governor of Michigan. He spoke as Deputy Governor of the state society, now just organized. There are 13 state societies. Major General U. S. Grant III is Governor General of the national society. The insignia is a badge of gold, with words, "Steadfast for God and Country," and ribbon of watered silk in azure, argent, sable and gules colors. This is a badge of double honor, to be worn only by those descended in the male line of either father or mother from an early settler, and by the same line only, through a Revolutionary patriot. But male descendants of members are also eligible.

The speaker for the Society of Daughters of Colonial Wars was Mrs. William H. DeGraff, who wore its insignia and also her sash as the President of the state society. She has been Regent of Piety Hill Chapter of the D.A.R., and Governor of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan. The Society of Daughters of Colonial Wars was founded in 1917 in Massachusetts. The national society was organized in 1932, and now has 2100 members. The Michigan society was established in 1936. Membership requires lineal descent through male or female line from an ancestor who served in colonial wars (some time from the founding of Jamestown to Battle of Lexington). The national project now is two scholarships for training in nursing.

The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts was sketched against the background of history by George R. Raub, President of the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research. This famous Company dates from 1638, and was formed for the purpose of training for military leadership. It is still active, with headquarters at Faneuil Hall, Boston, where it has a drill hall and museum. There are no state societies. It has two types of membership. Men residing in New England, who are of eligible age for military service, may become active members, without regard for descent. A person elsewhere in the United States may become only a hereditary member through an ancestor who was a member some time from 1638 to 1838.

BACKGROUND FOR GENEALOGY
Minnie Dubbs Millbrook

The Burton Historical Collection has recently acquired a great quantity of genealogical material collected in England by J. Melville Warwick of Corunna, Ontario. This noteworthy acquisition consists mostly of parish registers of the various counties of England. There are for instance, 104 volumes of the Shropshire registers alone, as well as many others from counties York, Suffolk, Essex, et cetera. While the accession itself is of great importance and many will want to make use of its records, there is also much additional interest in the manner of its accumulation by Mr. Warwick and his comment on a few of the items. The following notes tell something of the adventures of the book collector and of the history of parish registers generally.

"When I was stationed at Canadian Military Headquarters in London I was in civilian billets, of course, and was able to really haunt the second hand book shops. The aisles as well as the shelves were full since so many people had been bombed out and storage space was at a premium. However the Jerries caught up with me too and my 'digs' suffered bomb damage from a direct hit next door. Some of the books I had on hand were ruined by water dumped in the buildings by the firemen. In other cases only the covers were stained. These latter I retrieved and dried. One of these is the two volume Tropewell Cartulary of which only 150 copies were printed - and it is an interesting book."

"In a second hand book shop in Salisbury I came across (unbound but in excellent condition) what is probably the first book of its kind printed. It is Domesday Book for Wiltshire, not a photographic reproduction of the original pages, but the original abbreviated Latin extended into readable Latin on the even pages - with a translation into English on the opposite or odd pages. Now the various antiquarian societies of the 1870s and thereafter have published hundreds of this sort of thing - but this Domesday for Wiltshire was published in 1788 by an antiquarian well in advance of his time! I had the book bound nicely in half-leather so I felt badly when I found it stained a bit - but very glad indeed that it had survived as well as it had."

"While in London, the Bishop of Norwich permitted the Rector of Kirkley, Suffolk to take the Kirkley Registers to London to transcribe them directly by typewriter. I typed them on folded sheets for binding and indexed them. I made one original and four carbon copies - all clear ones. One I gave to Kirkley Parish, one to Lowestoft Library, one to Ipswich Library (the county town) and retained two. I shall send you one. You will then have one of the only five copies of Kirkley Parish Register in the world! And the only one in the States!"

"City of London Parish Registers published by the Bodelian Society do not mean the area of greater London, but concern only the ancient parishes enclosed in the square mile of the ancient city of London. I found also registers of other greater London parishes, such as those of St. George's, Hanover Square - two or three hundred years ago a favorite parish of expatriate Americans residing temporarily in London."

"An extraordinarily large number of American genealogists assume that 'something happened to the parish registers at the time of the Reformation.' Some family histories - including that of my own Wing Family of America - blandly state that the registers were destroyed during the pillage of the churches by Henry VIII, et cetera. The truth is there were no parish registers in England before 1538! Thomas Cromwell (not Oliver) who was Henry VIII's Vicar General, had studied at Louvain in Flanders, then under Spanish rule, and had become acquainted with Cardinal Jimenez's regulations for keeping parish records, then only recently instituted in Spain (the first system by the way, in Europe since Roman times, of keeping vital records.) When Henry VIII gave Thomas Cromwell supervision over the administration of parochial and ecclesiastical affairs, Cromwell had Parliament pass the first law in regard to parish registers. Some parishes obeyed immediately - most London registers and those in the 'home' counties actually began in 1538. But elsewhere this innovation took only gradually and various registers began at various dates - some as late as the 1680s. Some early registers have disappeared, of course, but because the register of a given parish does not begin till 1600, it should never be taken for granted that an earlier register existed."

IS THIS YOUR LINE?
Eva Murrell Harrison

Selbys of Prince George's County, Maryland

In 1069 William the Conqueror founded Selby Abbey, the name then known as "De Selbie" indicating Norman origin. At a very early date Selbys possessed a barony and manor on the Scottish border; their crest signified that members had served in the armies of the Crusaders. Later, Selbys came into Kent and by 1630 the families of both Northumberland and Kent had earned numerous honors.

Among the early Protestant planters of Maryland was William Selby who arrived in the Province in 1659. Perhaps he came knowing that here was offered freedom of religious worship, or he may have been sent as an exile by Cromwell as were his neighbors, Alexander Magruder (MacGregor) and Ninian Beall. In 1696 he was one of a panel of jurors in Prince George's County. His will proved in 1698 named wife Mary and children: Mary, wife of Robert Seelers (Salters), Ann wife of Robert Hucker; William, Susannah, Charles, and Samuel all under 18 years of age.

William Selby II, b. before 1681 m. (1) ca 1708 Sarah Magruder, daughter of Samuel Magruder and Sarah Beall. Sarah (Magruder) Selby died at or shortly after the birth of her son William Magruder Selby in 1709. William Selby m. (2) Elizabeth ----. In his will probated 1733 he named children: William Magruder Selby, Sarah, Susannah, Samuel, Joseph, Thomas, John d. ca 1767, and Nathan d. ca 1747 m. Ruth ----. Provisions of his will indicated his children were not 18 years of age.

In her will proved 1734, Sarah (Beall) Magruder made a bequest to her grandson, William son of William Selby, thus indicating he was the only son of her deceased daughter, Sarah.

William Magruder Selby m. Martha Wilson, b. 1713, a daughter of Major Josiah and Martha (Lingan) Wilson. William Magruder Selby's will of 1783 named children: William Wilson Selby, Nathan, Joshua Wilson Selby, James Wilson Selby, Lingan Wilson Selby, Josiah Wilson Selby, Thomas, and Samuel. Except for Thomas and Samuel, probably not of age, these brothers with their father took the Oath of Fidelity and Support in 1776.

William Wilson Selby, b. ca 1729 m. (1) Elizabeth, b. ca 1746, (2) Martha Jenkins, widow. His will proved 1800 named wife Martha and children: Elenor m. Peter Jenkins, Rebecca m. Peter Moran, Charles m. Lanor Lanham 1787, Magruder m. Agnes Hodgkinson 1788, Richard, John, James, and Elizabeth m. ---- Masters, Sarah m. Stephen Wilson, Jr. 1812, and step-daughters Elizabeth, Matilda and Aretta Jenkins. By 1817 Stephen Wilson, Jr. and Peter Moran with their families were living in Monongalia Co., (now West Virginia).

Nathan Selby, b. ca 1735 m. Agnes ----, b. ca 1748. The Prince George's Co., Md. Census of 1776 show two sons 8 and 5 and a daughter 2 years of age. One Eleanor Jackson Selby of Maryland in 1804 became the second wife of Stephen Pilcher of Prince William Co., Virginia. Their eldest son, Nathan Selby Pilcher was b. 1808 in Athens, Ohio.

About 1790 James Wilson Selby, Lingan Wilson Selby and Thomas Selby with their families and widowed mother, Martha (Wilson) Selby migrated to Green Co., Kentucky.

James Wilson Selby, b. ca 1747 in Maryland m. before 1776 Ruth ---- b. ca 1753. In 1778, one James Wilson Selby m. Elizabeth Bennett, widow of William Bennet of Baltimore Co., Md. Incomplete records name children: Sarah m. James Naylor 1798, Green Co., Ky.; Mary (Polly) m. Thomas W. Locke 1808, Elizabeth m. Walter Orme 1808, and Joshua m. Milly Orin (Orme?) 1807, all in Adair Co., Kentucky. Jeremiah Selby m. Ann Levens, niece of Thomas Selby, 1797 in Green Co., Ky., John Selby witness.

Lingan Wilson Selby, b. ca 1753 m. Drucilla ---- b. ca 1756 in Maryland. Incomplete records name children: Drucilla m. William Davis 1801, Benjamin m. Elizabeth McClane (McClure) 1811, and Lingan, Jr. m. Polly Beard 1815; all married in Adair Co., Kentucky.

No data has been found by the writer to relate the Selbys of Prince George's Co., Md. to the Selby families living in Virginia or in the counties of Ann Arundel, Worcester and Somerset, Maryland during the period 1637 to 1790.

Queries or data regarding this Selby family are invited by Mrs. Eva Murrell Harrison, 830 N. Wilson, Royal Oak, Michigan.

A LETTER TO JENNY HUNTER

Dear Jenny:

Of course, I can make suggestions on searching in New York State -- suggestions based on considerable experience -- and much frustration, I might add!

Let me say at the outset that there are two important areas in New York which I shall not attempt to cover, as they have been the subjects of exhaustive and definitive treatment by others. For New York City proper, consult Rosalie Fellows Bailey's "Guide to Genealogical and Biographical Sources for New York City (Manhattan) 1783-1898", published in The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, vols. 106-108, Oct. 1952 through Jan. 1954. This guide has also been published separately (1954). While Mrs. Bailey is writing of Manhattan problems, there is much that is applicable to the entire state and reading her article is time well spent. The headings and subheadings may suggest new avenues of research for you. (Hope you find an avenue and not a blind alley!)

Long Island was the scene of earliest English settlement, most of the settlers coming across the Sound or down the coast from New England towns. The Town Records of many Long Island towns have been published and much material is available. H. F. Severasmith has charted 125 principal sources against 22 specific Long Island towns in his Long Island Genealogical Source Material, published by the National Genealogical Society some years ago. You'll find it a wonderful time-saver.

Up to the Revolutionary War, settlement in New York was confined principally to the eastern border counties and fringes along the Hudson and Mohawk River valleys. The constant menace of the Indians on the frontier, the barrier of the strong Iroquois Nations, and the lack of free enterprise in the prevailing manorial or patroon land-leasing systems -- all helped to retard settlement. After the Revolution, however, the way was open: the remnants of crushed Indian tribes posed no threat; the fertile, rolling lands had been visited and well advertised by soldiers of the Sullivan-Clinton Expedition; clear titles to land ownership became possible -- and upstate New York swarmed with settlers. The years from 1785 to 1850 bracket a period when families moved frequently and far, often the period giving you greatest difficulty in your search. We may seem to be "working backwards" but we have to locate Grandpa before we can start searching for his grandfather. The problems of the post-Revolutionary period and the areas of new settlements are the ones to tackle first, but in my next letter, there will be some suggestions for the earlier period and towns and the problems of the ancestor's ancestors.

I hope you have a locality in which to start your search. Is there a county history for the county whence came Grandpa? You may find a good write-up or valuable leads. Also many compendiums such as Cutter's Genealogical and Family History of Western New York, Reynolds' Hudson-Mohawk Genealogical and Family Memoirs, and others are regional in scope. Take their story, but for your own satisfaction, check it against the records too. (This applies to county histories in all states, not just New York.) Mr. Doane in Searching For Your Ancestors cautions that such histories "should be used with care". In other words, the data given may be 100% accurate or it may be inflated -- a little or a lot. The editor of the county or regional history puts down what he is told by the subscriber or the family involved -- sometimes generations away from the subject. If the subscriber said that Grandpa fought 7 years in the Revolution under Arnold, Gates and Washington, you can't blame the editor when you find that Grandpa himself listed 18 periods of militia duty under Herkimer and Klock, varying from 2 to 18 days each -- and you'll probably smile when you find the Pension Office later cut this service to 7 bonafide tours, as Grandpa had supplied the data from Campbell's History of Tryon County rather than his own recollections. Personally, I like my ancestors human; one of my own favorites is an "old Fibber" whose valorous deeds at Saratoga in 1777 lose their glory when viewed against his 1772 birthdate. And many a county history story gains rather than loses in the checking.

The "old reliables" of record evidence are found in wills, deeds and census tallies. Go to the Clerk of the Surrogate Court in each county in New York for probate papers. You won't always find him in the same town with the other county offices. Many counties had a double-shire system or two county seats. The county seat found in a map or atlas is usually the site of the County Clerk, the Sheriff and many county offices. In Warren Co. I found records at Lake George and Glens Falls; in Washington, at Salem and Hudson Falls; and in Oswego Co., all records are at Oswego, including tantalizing indices to surrogate files lost when a courthouse at Mexico burned years ago.

A will may be recorded with the Surrogate and then returned to the family -- but go through all the papers anyway. You may find a citation or notice to the heirs-at-law. One such proved a regular bonanza: the will left all property to the childless widow to dispose of as she wished; the citation to heirs-at-law named 5 living brothers and sisters of the testator, 4 children of a deceased brother, and 16 children of deceased sisters, with the residence of each

of the 25. Through the citation, the 3 deceased sisters were identified and also 2 cousins and a brother-in-law who "served the notice" in Iowa.

I don't always find too much family data in land records, but if I don't check them I'm always wondering what I missed. Before starting on deeds, I like to check the map and French's Gazetteer of the State of New York (1860). There have been but very few changes in county or township lines since that date and Mr. French gave the early history of each county, town and locality and named the early settlers (There is a manuscript index of these names in the N.Y. Genealogical & Biographical Society -- do you have a friend who's a member?) He listed the newspapers that were or had been published in each county -- which is a real boon in searching for early newspaper files. With his help, you can separate the two "military tracts"; locate the Pre-emption Line across the state through Seneca Lake to Sodus Bay; know when Tryon and Charlotte Counties became Montgomery and Washington; learn why certain Chenango County settlers were called "Vermont Sufferers"; distinguish "bounty lands" from "gratuity lands"; etc., etc. Tables of the land grants, patents and manors are helpful. Also for those western counties, see Turner's History of the Phelps and Gorham Purchase and History of the Holland Purchase (1850-1851). L. C. Cooley's name index for each of these is dated 1946. The custodian of deeds in New York is the County Clerk.

If Grandpa was living in New York in 1855 or later, the state census will give more data than the federal tally. If born in New York state, the 1855 census will name the county; it will tell how long he has lived at that particular residence; and it may give the relationship of each member of the family to the head. 33 census volumes on file in one county covered 21 for state census 1855-1925 and 12 for federal counts 1850-1880.

Check Jacobus' Index to Genealogical Periodicals for the 1800 census for some New York counties published in the N.Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record. The 1800 census for the balance of the state is available on 3 reels of microfilm, found in most libraries.

In his first periodical index, Mr. Jacobus indexed localities separately by name; e.g. Kinderhook and Chatham; in his later volumes, these are found under the county name, in this case Columbia. In a quick check of his material, 5 sources stand out: The N.Y. Record; the D.A.R. Magazine (don't forget the index for genealogical material in volumes 1-84); Early Settlers of New York State (1934-1942), particularly good for the western counties; The Niagara Frontier Genealogical Magazine; and our own Detroit Magazine. The weekly St. Johnsville Enterprise and News carried a genealogical column for many years that is particularly good for Mohawk Valley data.

Lacking vital statistics which began in New York about 1880, much has been done to compensate. Almost every one working with New York records has tried to collect every scrap of supplementary data. The organized effort of the D.A.R. in gathering all available information is particularly important, as this material has been indexed either by family name or locality at the library of the D.A.R. National Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Each individual volume of D.A.R. compilations is indexed, but such a master index of the records of one state exists only for New York. This is an awfully good starting point if you have no specific county or locality for your elusive ancestor. Also, lacking a locale, the New York (City) Public Library's Mr. Gunther E. Pohl is compiling a biographical and portrait index to the state, county and city histories of New York state, with over 100,000 cards to date. Do you have any willing friends in Washington or New York?

With the search narrowed to one county, you may want to seek the assistance of the County Historian, appointed in each county under a state-wide project, to collect items pertaining to local history. I have had personal contact with only two, but their familiarity with local sources and unpublished material was most helpful. One was ill but she directed me by phone to a local library where several books of cemetery and marriage records she had collected were made available -- and I spent the next morning happily copying items pertaining to four New York counties and one in Vermont. Nice help from a lady I didn't meet personally. Ask the County Clerk for the name and address of the County Historian.

Time and paper are running out, Jenny -- so regional and state libraries; church records; the patron system; and the special helps, special problems, etc. for the special groups in New York before the Revolution, such as the Palatines, the Dutch, the Huguenots, are "to be continued".

Lucy Mary Kellogg

GENEALOGICAL QUERIES

Inquiries and correspondence for this department should be sent directly to the Queries Editor, Lewis F. Chase, 18656 Filer Ave., Detroit, 34, Mich.

1761: M-75: WILLIS-WALKER:- Who was Mary Walker who m. Samuel Willis in Sudbury, Mass., May 5, 1786? Samuel, son of Jesse and Eunice Willis was b. Sudbury, May 4, 1764, d. Leverett, Mass., Mch. 5, 1828. Samuel and Mary (Walker) Willis had 9 children, b. Leverett: 1. Nancy, m. Zenas Wright; 2. Polly, m. Joseph Fisk; 3. Abital, m. Levi Boutwell; 4. Celia, m. Apollos Beach; 5. Samuel, m. Polly Pike; 6. Eunice, m. Kellogg Graves; 7. Sally, d.y.; 8. Ezra, m. Electa Wing; 9. Sally, d.y.

1762: A-26: FLINT-BIDLOCK:- Seeking further data on Nathaniel Flint, b. 1745, at Windham, Conn., son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Bidlock) Flint, who were m. June 16, 1742. Other children were Benjamin, b. 1743, and Sarah, b. 1744.

1763: A-26: MALLERY-CARLEY:- Wish parentage of Samuel Mallery, b. Saybrook, Conn., Jan. 27, 1744, d. at Hillsdale, N.Y., May 13, 1882. He m., Dec. 30, 1767, Mary Carley, (prob. of Hillsdale). Wish her parentage, also.

1764: B-70: BALL-SURTER or SARTAIN-MILLS-BRADLEY or PUTNAM-LONG-CADY-BALDWIN:- attempting to link these three Ball families:

(1) James Stephen Ball, b. Jan. 31, 1831, Suffolk, Eng., son of Stephen and Letitia (Surther or Sartain) Ball, came to America, 1840, with his mother and brother, William (see below), b. 1832, sister Emily, b. 1828, came later. James S. Ball, in 1855, m. Jane J. Mills, at Manchester, N.Y. Removed to Thorold, Ontario, Canada, where all children were born. Removed to Yates Co., N.Y., in 1865. All d. in or near Yates Co.

(2) James Ball (Balls), b. Eng. abt. 1820, m. Laura C Bradley (or Putnam), Jan. 29, 1843; was of Yates Co., N.Y. Removed after 1865 to Bedford, Mich.; to Battle Creek abt. 1881. Children, all b. Yates Co.: 1. Mary J., b. 1845, m. ----- Long, lived at Nashville, Mich.; 2. Samuel D., b. 1847; 3. Josephine, b. 1849; 4. Alice, a school teacher who referred to William Ball (above) as uncle, m. ----- Cady of Battle Creek.

(3) Sherwood S. Ball, b. 1814, d. 1895, m. 1st, Anna Eliza Baldwin, (1803-1861) m. 2nd, Clara ----- (1832-1884). All buried Yates Co., N.Y. Wish all available data.

1765: E-17: CURLETT-ADAMS-DAVY:- George Washington Curlett d. ca 1849, at Baltimore, Md. He m. Lucy Whitmore Adams, dau. of John Q. and Pella Experience (Davy) Adams. Interested in parentage of G.W. Curlett, in fact, any data on Curlett, Adams and Davy.

1766: E-17: EASLEY-KIRKLAND-PARKER:- William Henry Easley, b. 1807, South Carolina, d. 1888, Mississippi, m. Emilred Kirkland, b. 1813, Tennessee, d. 1903, Mississippi. In Morgan Co., Alabama in 1833. Emilred was dau. of Daniel Kirkland, b. 1783, North Carolina, and Elizabeth (Parker) Kirkland, b. 1794, North Carolina, d. 1868, Alabama. Wish parentage of Easley, and any information of Easley Kirkland and Parker.

1767: S-35: WRIGHT-LEWIS:- John Wright, son of Earl and Ester (Lewis) Wright, d. 1824, at Westerlo, N.Y. Whom did John m., and where are they buried?

1768: S-53: AURINGER-OWEN-YOUNGS-QUILE:- John Martin Auringer m. at Palermo, N.Y., 1851, Constantia, dau. of Washington Owen. Their dau., Rozella m. Edwin L. Youngs. She d. 1918 at Flint, Mich. Their dau., Ardella m. 1872, at Fulton, N.Y., Charles R. Quile. Wish data on the descendants of Rozella and Ardella.

1769: S-12: MATFELDT-SMITH-KENNEDY:- Adolph Matfeldt m. 1st, ----- Smith; m. 2nd, Jenny Kennedy. They had three daus., Nada, Emma, and Lillie, all married. They were believed to be living in Illinois in 1933. Wish dates and places and any data on these daughters.

1770: J-13: HILL-MARTIN:- Wish parentage of Hannah, wife of John 2 Hill, m. ca 1653. She was a legatee in the will of Abraham Martin, of Rehoboth, Mass. She d. bef. 1690.

1771: J-13: HILL-TILDEN:- Who was Frances, wife of John 1 Hill (1602-76), of Dorchester and Milton, Mass.? Was she Frances Tilden?

1772: J-13: TREADWELL-WHEPLEY-KEELER:- Wish parentage of Sarah Treadwell, m. 1st, Henry Whippley, m. 2nd, after 1653, Ralph Keeler of Hartford, Conn.

1773: S-85: LESTER:- Levi Lester (cal1760-cal1844) b. New Jersey, moved ca 1785 to Washington Co., Va., where he m. and raised a family, including sons Levi and William, and prob. others. His will probated 1844, mentions son, Levi, deceased, and his six children: Elizabeth, Lydia Smyth, William, David, Mary, and Levi; three other grandchildren: Levi, Caleb, and David Sherwood. Also a "beloved wife, Leah," probably not the mother of his children. Wish more information on Levi Lester, Sr., his ancestry, place of birth in New Jersey, his brothers and sisters, and the mother of his children.

1774: S-85: LESTER-DeBUSK:- William Lester (1790-1837), of Washington Co., Va., m. 1809, Mary DeBusk, b. 1790, prob. Virginia, d. 1846, Sangamon Co., Ill. She was dau. of Elijah and Elizabeth DeBusk. Wish more data concerning her parents.

1775: H-85: FULLER-MERRILL:- Wish further data on Sarah Fuller, who, in 1748, m. John Merrill at Stratford, Conn.

1776: H-85: HAYWARD-JONES-WILKINS:- Moses Hayward, grandson of John and Sarah Merrill (above), m. abt. 1804, Mary Jones, dau. of Daniel, (1745-1835) and Sarah Jones, (1746-1834) of Manchester, Vt. Their son, Moses, m. abt. 1837, Lamora Marks, b. 1814, at Eden, Vt., dau. of Hezekiah and Rachel (Wilkins) Marks. Rachel (1775-1863) was the dau. of H. Wilkins. Wish more data on Daniel Jones, his wife, Sarah, Lamora Marks, and Rachel Wilkins.

1777: H-85: HOWARD-ROCKWELL:- Wish more data on Edgar O. Howard (Howard), son of Moses and Lamora (Marks) Howard. He m., 1866, at St. Albans, Vt., Adeline E. Rockwell, b. Brome, Quebec, 1842, dau. of Joseph and Mary (Joyal) Rockwell. Also wish more data on Mary (Polly) Joyal, dau. of Joseph and Experience (Ford) Joyal, of Franklin Co., Vt.

1778: R-42: LEE-DOANE:- Thomas Jefferson Lee migrated to Michigan from New York ca 1846. His children were: Thomas Jr., Sylvia, Libby, and Lum. Thomas Jr. m., 1862, at Ann Arbor, Amity Doane. Lived at Saline 1861-66. Removed to Houghton, 1866, to Hancock, 1877. Wish to know where Thomas J. Lee first settled in Michigan, his wife's name, and any other available data.

1779: R-42: LEWIS-HOYT-FRANCISCO:- Wish more data on the family of Thomas Daniel Lewis and his wife, Martha (Hoyt) Lewis, who were living in Marshall, Mich., in 1855. Children were: Olive E., b. 1853, Charles, 1855, and Jesse A., 1862. Family tradition is that Martha Hoyt's mother was Francisco. Thomas D. Lewis d. ca 1889 at the home of his daughter in McBride, Mich.

1780: D-36: HALL-WORTHINGTON:- Want names and places of residence of John Hall, who m., 1826, Isabella, dau. of James and Nancy Worthington. John Hall was a magistrate somewhere in Kentucky, and collected for lands sold there. John and Isabel were m. (perhaps) in or near Westmoreland Co., Penna. He d. 1851. She d. 1864. Children were: Tressie M.; James; John; Catherine; Mary Jane; Margaret; Phillip; Belle; Sarah Ann; Nancy, d.y.; and George, d.y.

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AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Your Publications Committee is considering the publication of a new membership list, which we hope will give you some definite help with your own family research. Our thought is to include with the name and address of each member the county and state in which the member is interested as well as the county and state in which the member has done work and can assist others, either by information or some limited research. Now we should like an expression from the general membership as to the value to them of such a list. Will you take time today to send a postal card to the Publications Chairman, Mrs. R. H. Franklin, 13132 Winchester, Huntington Woods, Mich., telling her whether or not such a list would be of value to you? If the reaction is favorable, we will proceed with the list, which will of course be made available to all members for a small fee.

NOTES AND NEWS

INTRODUCTIONS:- Mr. Edgar M. Howard, Sr., of Westfield, N.J., comes to us through his acquaintance with our Treasurer Mr. Merrill. Mr. Howard is compiling a genealogy of the descendants of George Hayward of Concord, Mass., and he would be glad to correspond with any others interested in that family. . . While DSCR members from three different localities were lunching in still another city, Detroit Mrs. Helen Bryant overheard the genealogical conversation and introduced herself. Result - new member. . . Several newcomers are related to our old friends: Mrs. Anna Belle Foard of Arlington, Va. is a cousin of Mr. William Hutchins of Albuquerque, N. Mex. . . Mrs. Malcolm A. Sanders of Mt. Clemens is a relative of Mrs. Donald Shiland of Pt. Huron. . . Miss Doris Hanson of Newark, N.J. is a cousin of Miss Olive Searle of Westfield, Mass. . . Mrs. Charles Romanowitz of Alameda, Calif. and Mr. John Dietz of Broken Bow, Neb. belong to Sarah VII Jones' Taylor family. . . While another Nebraskan, Mrs. William K. Strode is a distant cousin of Mrs. Wilson McTeer. . . Mr. Arthur G. Lyon is an attorney in Coldwater, Mich. . . Mrs. Grace Clark of Walnut Creek, Calif. was impressed with the Magazine's publications on her Sawyer line (by Kendall Hayward in February 1950). . . Mrs. Max Bement provides her own recommendation when she writes that she has recently completed an index for the Bement Genealogy. More power to her!

We extend our very special congratulations to Miss Hilah Violet Eddy who was married on Nov. 26, 1955 at Bushnell Congregational Church in Detroit to Mr. Clinton Alden Springer.

HONORS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:- We are honored that "our" librarian, Mrs. Elleine H. Stones, chief of the Burton Historical Collection, was chosen last October as the Detroit librarian who had contributed most in the opinion of other staff members, to outstanding librarianship. . . . We are pleased to announce the publication of Some Lettons and Willetts of Maryland, and a Few Descendants and Allied Families, by Estelle Clark Watson of Evanston, Ill. . . . The Award of Merit of the American Association for State and Local History has been given to both Mr. Neil Morrison of Windsor, Ont. (our speaker last May) and to Mrs. Raymond Millbrook for their publications during the past year. . . Mrs. Neil Cameron has been acting as instructor for a course sponsored by the library on "How to Hunt up Ones Family History." . . . Our good friend Mr. George H. Miller has been chosen as a permanent member of the Eastern Star Historical Committee for the State of Michigan and as the only lay member of the Historical Research Board of the Methodist Church.

We very much regret to report the death of our member, Mrs. Albert E. Schoerger of Detroit, on Dec. 22, 1955 and of our former member, Mr. Robert Webster Allen of Coldwater, Mich., on July 8, 1954.

VISITORS:- Mr. and Mrs. George Blount of Royal Oak, Mich. had a delightful three weeks in New York, Connecticut, Vermont and New Hampshire last October. . . Mr. Howard Gould of Tacoma, Wash. was able to be present at our December meeting while visiting his daughter who lives in Detroit.

POTPOURRI:- The following unusual genealogical item comes to us from Miss Rebecca Crittenden of Belding, Mich. Her 'cousin' Mr. Ralph Dudley of Somerville, N.J. counts twenty-three lines of descent from a single ancestor, Abraham Cruttenden the emigrant, who was a member of the company of the Rev. Henry Whitfield, which founded the town of Guilford, Conn. . . . Mrs. George D. Hebb suggests that Richmonds would do well to contact Mr. Harry E. Richmond of 136 East Avenue 37, Los Angeles 31, Calif., whose Richmond Family Association is compiling a book on that family. . . Mr. J. L. Hay of Norwich, Ohio has placed in Burton a manuscript collection of data on the Tandy, Grindle, Spencer, Hay and Freeman families. . . Miss Mildred Krise of Three Rivers, Mich. is busy with church work and the genealogical 'library' collected and maintained by her local DAR - our Magazine is included, thanks to Miss Krise's generosity. . . . Miss Eunice Hunt of Mason, Mich. has recently inherited several interesting scrapbooks of clippings dealing with births, deaths and marriages in Mason during the past sixty years. . . . Mrs. John Hebel of Daytona Beach, Fla. has found a special interest in this volume of the DSCR Magazine since she is another Sibley descendant, through Benjamin 3, who moved to Connecticut. . . Mrs. Wood Wormald of Jackson, Wyo. has recently been accepted into the National Society of Magna Charta and her husband has been elected President of the Wyoming Society of the SAR.

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